

**Abbott Township**  
**October 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday October 7, 2024 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting were: Jared Lazorchak, Beth Kreiser, Randy Culp, Dolly Lazorchak, Ken Loiacono, Cory Shifflett, Mary May, Pat Schellhorn, Theresa Yilek, Mike Lazorchak, Brian Shultz, Joe Schellhorn, and Brian Budjanec
2. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jared Lazorchak at 7:05pm.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Jared made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the last meeting that was held on September 9, 2024. Randy seconded; AIF motion carried.
5. Jared made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Randy, AIF motion carried.
6. Jared made a motion to pay the bills. Randy seconded; AIF motion carried.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

In Lee's absence there was no Roadmaster report. Jared did comment that the pipe on Constitution Ave by the Fire Company was replaced with a new pipe and the area is backfilled and fixed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jared reported that the Township hired Cory Shifflet as Part-time road crew, he made a motion to approve this with a pay rate of \$16.75/ hour. Randy seconded, AIF motion carried.

Jared talked about the contract that we received from Gale Hose EMS for 2025. There was discussion on the changes from the contract that was received in 2024. It was decided to wait until the November meeting to decide if we are going to approve or not. We must respond to Gale Hose no later than December 1, 2024.

Jared made a motion to approve the Winter Maintenance contract with Stewardson Township for Rausch Road and Cross Fork Creek Road for the November 1, 2024 thru May 1, 2025 time period. Randy seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

The Township approved Erb Inspections to issue the following permits:

1. Change of occupancy permit to Benn Batterson for property located at 215 Ives Hollow Rd, to change from single family dwelling to a short-term rental.
2. Change of occupancy permit to Benn Batterson for property located at 449 Short Run Rd, to change from single family dwelling to a short-term rental.

3. Change of occupancy permit to Benn Batterson for property located at 265 Short Run Rd, to change from single family dwelling to a short-term rental.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**SEWAGE PERMITS:**

Board of Supervisors approved the following sewer permits:

1. Carl Beacker soil probes, perc tests, and a plan module review for 5 lots on Ives Hollow Road
2. Rodney Senior permit, Inspection and design review for an inground system located at 46 Deer View Lane.

**ROAD BONDS:**

Boone Run Rd – Wheeland Lumber Company – 12/12/2023-12/12/2024

Boone Run Rd – Emporium Hardwoods – 7/25/2024 – 7/25/2025

**PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes Per Person)**

Brian Shultz asked if Duane McCullough was supposed to repay the township for the cost of his CDL since he resigned from his position. It was stated by Jared that that was supposed to be the arrangement, he was supposed to work a minimum of 5 years and if not was to pay back the cost prorated by the amount of time he was employed. However, there was nothing in writing regarding this that can be found, so it appears that there was no follow-through and therefore not much that can be done.

Pat Schellhorn asked about the change in occupancy request and if this was brought about because of the Township creating an ordinance. Jared said that the Township has not yet created an ordinance but is still working on it. The change was likely brought on because Erb Inspections was reaching out to property owners due to these properties being listed as single-family dwellings and not short-term rentals and therefore not meeting the PA UCC code to operate as short term rentals.

Brian Shultz brought up the damage to Zorbe Hollow that was caused by the recent storms. There was much discussion on the damage and road condition. Brian commented that he buried his electric line and will mark in red where it runs underground. The township is still working to get the road repaired. Further discussion followed.

Dolly Lazorchak asked if having the Township roads open to ATV's is worth it. There was much discussion on this topic including funding, wear on roads, enforcement issues and the possibility of changing the ordinance.

There was some further discussion on the EMS contract and how the coverage was going to improve with the new contract.

There was discussion on Zoning and Legislation and Government changes that were being talked about like statewide zoning.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. Randy seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser  
Secretary  
Abbott Township Board of Supervisors