

Abbott Township

November 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday November 4, 2024 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting were: Jared Lazorchak, Beth Kreiser, Lee Gardner, Jeff Lazorchak, Ken Loiacono, Cory Shifflett, Mary May, Pat Schellhorn, Joe Schellhorn, and Tony Rachiele
2. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jared Lazorchak at 7:00pm.
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 October 7, 2024. Lee seconded; AIF motion carried.
5. Jared made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Lee, AIF motion carried.
6. Jared made a motion to pay the bills. Lee seconded; AIF motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Lee reported that the gravel has been placed on Rausch Road, so we are almost done down there for this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jared made a motion to advertise the proposed budget to the public. Notice will be placed in the local newspaper as well as on the Township website. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared made a motion to approve a resolution 2024-8 for the dump facility annual contribution amount to change from \$17,000.00 to \$10,000.00 starting in 2025. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Lee made a motion to approve Germania Fire Company to do a controlled burn to the old Welfling dwelling located on Germania Road for training purposes. Jared Seconded, AIF motion carried. Tony stated Township approval is the first step of getting this approved. The secretary will provide a letter to the Fire Company stating their approval.

The Township approved Erb Inspections to issue the following permits:

1. Change of occupancy permit to Daniel Glick for property located at 95 Lechler Branch Rd, to change from single family dwelling to a short-term rental.
2. Change of occupancy permit to Benn Batterson for property located at 163 Short Run Rd, to change from single family dwelling to a short-term rental.
3. Building permit to George Lenze to construct a new 30'x40' pole building at 144 Club Hill Rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jared brought up the Gale Hose EMS contract and asked if anyone had any opinion regarding the service. Cory voiced concern about there is no guarantee of coverage and questioned where all the funds go that the Townships pay if they are only able to cover 47% of the calls? Mary asked if the Townships will be provided an explanation if no one shows up for a call? Tony asked if the Township would increase taxes to cover this cost? After much discussion on these areas, it was decided to participate and sign the contract for 2025 and see how the year goes and to re-evaluate at the end of 2025. Jared made a motion to approve signing the contract for 2025. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

SEWAGE PERMITS:

None

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)

Pat asked why the annual dump contribution was decreasing? Jared stated that it was because there have not been many costs associated with the dump for the past few years, so the account has acquired a cushion and does not need as many funds.

Cory asked if the Township has any say on the preferred pilot Route for the ATV's? He commented it does not make sense to have Club Hill used instead of Park Hill, due to the fact that there are more homes and camps on Club Hill and the distance is not very different. Jared said DCNR is who picks the route, but that we can ask them to change it and see what they say.

Cory also asked if Rausch Road should be a no winter maintenance road and if we have to plow the entire road? There was much discussion, and it was determined that the Township is liable if there is an emergency and emergency vehicles can't make it to the call because of road conditions.

Sharky swore in Joseph Schellhorn to the position of Special Fire Police on behalf of the Germania Fire Company.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser
Secretary
Abbott Township Board of Supervisors