

**CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING –November 7, 2022**  
**Supervisor William A. Dovin – Phone 570-553-2469, Supervisor Roger L. Doolittle, Phone 570-553-2146**  
**Supervisor Michael Mordovancey. Phone 607-201-5968**

**BUDGET WORKHOP – 2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

Sup. Doolittle led in the discussion on the budget prepared by the secretary-treasurer. The balances in the funds were reviewed and the secretary-treasurer suggested a tax increase due to the lower amount anticipated in the carryover in the Capital Fund; (the submitted budget did NOT reflect a tax increase.) The supervisors were not in favor of a tax increase because of the possible increase in the funds received in the Act 13 Gas Impact Fees monies and the fact that a number of the expenses that occurred in 2022 were not going to be repeated in 2022. The supervisors also noted the large amount received in real estate transfer tax monies.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the township meeting room, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sup. Doolittle called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. The roll was called; Supervisors Doolittle and Mordovancey were physically present and Sup. Dovin participated via telephone.

**Attendees at the Meeting** –Steve Pratt, Les Martens, John and Judy Ramsay, John Brownlow and Michael Burkett.

**Presentation of minutes and treasurer’s report** – A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Dovin and unanimously carried by the board to approve the minutes and treasurer’s report as presented.

**Citizens Input on the Agenda** –

John Brownlow questioned the placement of a stop sign on Pamela Drive and stated that signs are supposed to be on the Right of Way, not residents’ properties. Sup. Doolittle stated that the stop sign on Pamela Drive would be moved to the Right of Way. John Brownlow said that he lost a significant amount of grass (sod) because of the work performed in the area for the new Carmalt Road bridge. Questions were raised and discussed regarding the Right of Way on Carmalt Road and Pamela Drive.

**Reports of the board, commissions and committees**

**Susquehanna Co. Council of Governments, C.O.G. Sewage and Codes Committees** –

Sup. Dovin said that a meeting was held. The only item pertaining to Choconut was a permit that was obtained by a Choconut Township resident for some work performed on his property on Stanley Lake Road.

**Report of Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission Meeting.** John Ramsay said that a meeting was held in September, but nothing was discussed that pertained to Choconut Township.

**Report of Supervisors on Current Roadwork** – Roadsides were mowed, brush was chipped and roads were repaired including Carmalt and Binghamton Roads. Regarding the Dirt and Gravel Road projects on Mattes and Carmalt Roads, both projects have been completed and we are waiting for reimbursement funds to come in from the Susquehanna County Dirt and Gravel Road program. A new project for Mattes Road was submitted this year and in the Spring another grant application for work to be done on Carmalt Road will be submitted. The Choconut Township Garden Club asked for the use of the township building for a meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> and it was granted by the board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget for 2023**

A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to tentatively adopt the budget for 2023 as presented. Final adoption of the budget will take place at the supervisors’ December 5, 2022 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ACT 13 Budget Resolution 11-05-22**

A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to adopt the resolution as presented. The resolution calls for the transfers of money within the 2022 budget for this fund.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

No one made any comments at this point in the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2022-10, CURRENT BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to approve the bill list, current bills and payroll.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Gittoes, Choconut Township Secretary-Treasurer  
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