

CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING –April 3, 2023
Supervisor William A. Dovin – Phone 570-553-2469, Supervisor Roger L. Doolittle, Phone 570-553-2146
Supervisor Michael Mordovancey. Phone 607-201-5968

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. Dovin called the meeting to order; all three supervisors were present.

Attendees at the Meeting – Sue Knowles, Jodi and Lenny Macon, Steve Pratt, Judy and John Ramsay, John Brownlow.

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

Citizens Input on the Agenda – John Brownlow had questions about the ordinance for septic systems. Sup. Dovin said that he understood that John was advised to contact the Susquehanna Co. Council of Government Sewage Committee to get answers for his questions. John said that he did not think that there was any septic system on the neighboring property owned by Dennis W. Hayes. Sup. Dovin suggested that John call the C.O.G. Sewage Committee and schedule an appointment to meet with them to discuss the situation. Sup. Dovin said that there wasn’t any evidence of surface effluent on the property under discussion. Sup. Dovin advised John to have his water tested and John responded that he did have his water tested at the time the he purchased the property on which he lives.

Reports of the board, commissions and committees

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

Sup. Dovin said that no current issues affecting Choconut Township were brought up. S.E.O. Ken Laurie is currently not working due to health issues. A new S.E.O. will be starting in May.

Report of Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission Meeting. John Ramsay said that a preliminary plan for senior housing was discussed. It is to be located between the Montrose High School and the library. Most of the apartments will have one bedroom. The apartments will have public sewage and water.

Report of Supervisors on Current Roadwork – The very changeable weather has made it hard to keep up with the potholes. Every day, the road crews pick up fallen branches and sometimes trees on the roads. Steve Pratt asked if there were any plans to deal with the cracks in the blacktop on Stanley Lake Road. The supervisors responded to his question and said that they are considering filling the cracks. The supervisors will be commencing the work on the Mattes Road Dirt and Gravel project as soon as weather permits.

Report of the Elected Board of Auditors – Steve Pratt, elected auditor, read a report on the audit that was conducted on the financial records of Choconut Township covering the dates of January 1, 2022 to December 31st, 2022. The township secretary-treasurer provided all of the records for those dates. The auditors said they found the records to be “well-kept, well-documented and balanced with no discrepancies or significant findings.” They offered a few recommendations to increase some tax savings and provide greater detail on some of the transactions.

OLD BUSINESS

Junkyard Ordinance Violations

The secretary gave a report on which signed receipts were received for letters sent to violators of the ordinance. Another attempt will be made to contact Parks Garage, since the initial certified letter was refused.

Bids for Road Materials and Rental of Equipment

The secretary reviewed with the supervisors the vendors to whom emailed and overland mailed bid forms should be sent.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Resolution for the Destruction of Old Documents

Following the guidelines of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and in compliance with PA Act 428 of 1968, documents which are no longer necessary to retain will be destroyed. A motion by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Dovin and unanimously carried by the board to adopt the resolution.

Resolution for the Repository of the Dirt and Gravel Road Grant Funds

A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously adopted by the board to designate NBT Bank as the repository of the funds for the 2023 grant to repair Mattes Road.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Sue Knowles asked if the township had cut down the trees at the end of Carmalt Road. The supervisors stated that the homeowner took the trees down. A question was raised as to how much longer the burn ban would be in effect. The county-wide burn ban will be in effect until 11:59 p.m., Sunday, April 16th.

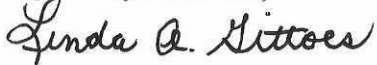
APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2023-03, CURRENT BILLS AND PAYROLL

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Linda A. Gittoes, Choconut Township Secretary-Treasurer
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