

CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING –October 2, 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 – Cassidy Snedeker, Bruce and Wendy Traver, Jodi and Lenny Macon, Sue Knowles, Steve Pratt, John Brownlow, Judy Ramsay, Wendy Zapolski.

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 – No one had any input at this time in the meeting.

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 last month. Interviews were conducted for a municipal code enforcement officer. N.C.I.S. won the bid to perform 3rd party inspections. Nothing was brought up that pertained to Choconut Township.

Report of Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission Meeting. John Ramsay was out of town and could not attend the monthly meeting.

Report of Supervisors on Current Roadwork – The supervisors reported that it had been a very busy month. A chip and oil program was done on Kellam Road and Meadow Lane. The supervisors hope to perform a similar treatment of Bowbridge Road next year. The Mattes Road 2023 project was performed from the property owned by Jack Davis down to Binghamton Road. Routine maintenance was performed by filling potholes and cutting up and removing dead trees. The supervisors were unable to complete the proposed work for Pamela Drive due to the fact that there was an insufficient amount of DSA material available. There was a big washout on Johnson Road due to rainstorms and that was repaired. Repairs to the township roller were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Junkyard Ordinance Violations – No new responses were received.

John Brownlow provided a flash drive with pictures of equipment owned by D.W. Hayes that is not licensed and registered, but Sup. Dovin encountered difficulties in trying to download the images from the drive. In that same general physical area, Sup. Dovin stated again that the stone blocks which John Brownlow has placed on his property are within the township’s right-of-way and will make it more difficult to maintain the road in Winter. A discussion was held between John Brownlow and Sup. Dovin regarding the construction of the new bridge on Carmalt Rd. and the right-of-way and maintenance of Carmalt Rd. and Pamela Drive. John Brownlow said that the right-of-way for Carmalt Road was 33 feet and Sup. Dovin said that it was 50 ft. Sup. Dovin said that the priority in taking care of these items was (1). Get the “fence” of concrete blocks on the Brownlow property moved so that it is not impinging on the township’s right-of-way and (2). Get the unregistered vehicles from Dennis Hayes’ property cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS

Traver Hill Road – a discussion was held between the supervisors and the Travers about the condition of the road. Sup. Dovin said that Repsol contacted him about the possibility of repairing the road, which is in bad shape. Repsol may be able to come up with some money to help with the road repairs which will involve creating run-offs where necessary.

Community Service People

The supervisors were contacted by a SUNY student who had to perform some community service to satisfy a penalty for an automobile law infraction. The young man has been helping with cutting the grass and other tasks. Another individual may be serving out some community service with the township, too.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Lenny Macon complained about the condition of the driveway coming off of Carmalt Rd. The supervisors responded that they would be repairing Carmalt Rd. in that area.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2023-09, 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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