

**CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING –December 4, 2023**  
**Supervisor William A. Dovin – Phone 570-553-2469, Supervisor Roger L. Doolittle, Phone 570-553-2146**  
**Supervisor Michael Mordovancey, Phone 607-201-5968**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Sup. Dovin opened the workshop. The treasurer presented the line item budget for review and comment. The supervisors discussed the details of the budget. Sup. Mordovancey suggested that we look into the possibility of investing temporarily idle funds into a certificate of deposit. The treasurer will inquire at NBT bank about the rates of 5 month certificates. No comments were made by the public on the budget. A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to conclude the budget workshop.

**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 and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. All of the supervisors were present.

**Attendees at the Meeting** – Steve Pratt, John and Judy Ramsay, Tina and Abe Curley and Joseph Kempa.

**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 nothing was brought up that pertained to Choconut Township. They did discuss going with a software that would help with ordinance enforcement.

**Report of Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission Meeting.** John Ramsay said that a meeting was not held in November.

**Report of Supervisors on Current Roadwork** – The supervisors reported that the Traver Hill Road project was completed. Repsol Oil and Gas contributed a check for \$24,000.00 toward the overall cost of \$48,000.00 to repair the road and will be sending the township another \$24,000.00 shortly to complete their contract with the township. The township contributed a couple of sluice pipes as well as labor and machinery time to the project. The supervisors and roadworkers have been busy trimming branches, patching roads, preparing equipment for Winter road maintenance, and cleaning up the township property.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Signature of Winter Maintenance Agreement** – an agreement for the provision of Winter Road Maintenance by Choconut Township for Friendsville Borough was signed by Sup. Dovin and Abe Curley, Mayor of Friendsville. The period covered was for the Winter months of 2023 – 2024.

**Budget for 2024** – A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to tentatively adopt the proposed budget for 2024. The budget will be available for inspection by appointment only until December 20, 2023. A special meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., December 20, 2023, at the township meeting hall at which time the budget will be finally adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mattes Addition to Lands Subdivision** – submitted to the township supervisors by Joseph Kempa, Surveyor  
The plan would allow Rudolph Mattes to add a one-acre lot to the property that had been previously purchased by Cole Aukema. The supervisors reviewed the maps and associated paperwork, approving the addition without objections.

**Resolution 12-04-2023 – Act 13 Fund**

The treasurer presented a resolution for the changes in the 2023 Act 13 Fund budget. A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to approve the resolution.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – A comment was made by John Ramsay that Kellum Road and Meadow Lane looked good after the roadwork was done on them. The right of way on Pamela Drive was discussed.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2023-11, 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. Mordovancey, seconded by Sup. Doolittle and unanimously carried by the board to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Gittoes, Choconut Township Secretary-Treasurer  
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