

CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING –April 1, 2024
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 and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. The roll was called and all three supervisors were present.

Attendees at the Meeting – William Traver, Les Martens, Nancy Martens, Steve Pratt, Judy and John Ramsay, Sue Knowles, Lenny and Jodi Macon.

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 to share.

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 and nothing was discussed that pertained to Choconut Township. He noted that Ken Laurie, a former S.E.O., passed away. Bill Shea expressed an interest in being president of the Council of Governments.

Report of Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission Meeting – A meeting was not held in March.

Report of Supervisors on Current Roadwork – Work was done on Bowbridge Road and work will be done on Stanley Lake Road. Repairs to the cinder storage bldg. will be made to fix the damage done by a windstorm.

Report from Board of Auditors – The Board of Elected Auditors reviewed the financial records for 2023 and commended Secretary-Treasurer Linda A. Gittoes for accurate records. They also commended the supervisors for their diligence in handling the township’s funds. A suggestion was made that we look into a credit card account that offered rewards for purchases and that the supervisors see if we can set up an account for our phone/fax with Spectrum in order to avoid the ever-increasing Frontier fees for this service.

OLD BUSINESS

Junkyard Ordinance Violations

The supervisors reported that improvements were made to the property owned by Carlton “Skip” Hall. DEP has been notified about the vehicles on the Parks’ property, but a reply has not been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of the firm of Dougherty, Levinthal and Price

The construction company that installed the new bridge on Carmalt Road had expenses in excess of their budget for the construction on the bridge. They want the township to pay the excess expenses. Our attorney, Michael J. Giangrieco, recommended that the township retain the services of DLP because they specialize in cases like this one. A motion was made by Sup. Dovin, seconded by Sup. Doolittle and unanimously carried by the board to hire DLP to represent the township.

Bids for Township Road Materials and Rental of Equipment

The supervisors reviewed the items to be put out for bid and instructed the secretary-treasurer to put the legal advertisements in the newspaper. The bids will be opened at the May 6, 2024 business meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

A concern was expressed about potholes on various roads. The supervisors will repair them as soon as possible.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2024-03, 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. Dovin, 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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