

CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING –March 3, 2025
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. Doolittle called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. The roll was called; Sup. Doolittle and Sup. Mordovancey were present and Sup. Dovin participated by telephone.

Attendees at the Meeting –Judy and John Ramsay, Steve Pratt, Wendy Zapolski,

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

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 reported that a meeting was held; nothing pertained to Choconut Township. He also reported that the permits for the demolition of the old Choconut Market were approved and the property owner, Bela Singh, will be notified that the paperwork is available for him to pick up.

Report of Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission Meeting – John Ramsay reported that a meeting was held. Nothing was brought up that pertained to Choconut Township. John said that it has come to the attention of the planning commission that buildings are being erected without obtaining the approval of the planning commission. While the building permits may have been obtained, it is the responsibility of the property owner to present the building plan to the commission.

Report of Supervisors on Current Roadwork – The supervisors and the road crews have been busy plowing and cindering the roads, moving fallen trees off of the roads and performing any other necessary road maintenance.

Stolen Scrap Metal - Sup. Dovin stated that someone or several people have been entering the township property and stealing scrap metal from the metal dumpster. Our arrangement is that the scrap metal company will get 50% of the value of the proceeds of the sales of scrap metal and the township will get the other 50%, which will be used to pay the scrap metal dealer to keep the dumpster on the township property. Other pieces of metal have been stolen from the township property. If anyone has any information about who is committing the thefts, please notify the supervisors. In the meantime, the supervisors have some suspicions as to the names of the guilty parties and will look into pursuing legal remedies to recover the stolen property.

FEMA – Damage caused by Hurricane Debby – The supervisors and the secretary-treasurer had a telephone conference with FEMA Rep. Lisa Greene concerning the road damage that was caused by the storm. Further meetings are anticipated to provide FEMA with the necessary data for the reimbursement. 18 road sites have been identified as sustaining damages.

OLD BUSINESS

Violators of the Junk Yard Ordinance – John Ramsay reported that one of his neighbors, Keith Barken, has put a dumpster on his property and there is junk all over the property.

Resolution to appoint Linda A. Gittoes to the position of the township’s agent for the FEMA/PEMA paperwork

A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to approve the appointment.

NEW BUSINESS

There wasn’t any new business to discuss at this point in the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Sup. Dovin stated that he WILL be running for the supervisor’s position this year. He felt that with all of the financial matters that have to be concluded, and his critical participation in these matters, that he wanted to run for another term.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2025-02, CURRENT BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Mordovancey 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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