

**CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING –June 2, 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. 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** –Steve Pratt, Gary Wilcox.

**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 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 not held due to the lack of a quorum. The only item up for discussion was the sale of a 5-acre plot owned by the C.O.G.. If an offer is not received for the plot, it will be advertised for sale.

**Report of Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission Meeting** – A report was not available.

**Report of Supervisors on Current Roadwork** – The supervisors and the road crews have been doing some road repairs. A report was turned into FEMA listing some 18 areas of damage which was caused by Hurricane Debbie. The supervisors and the secretary-treasurer are working with FEMA to provide documentation so that the township can receive reimbursement funds for the damage.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Violators of the junkyard ordinance**

The secretary was instructed by the supervisors to send out via certified mail letters to D.W.Hayes, Parks Garage, and Romanick informing them that they are in violation of the ordinance and if there isn’t any response to the letter within 30 days of receipt, the supervisors will pursue legal action.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Thank You Note From United Way**

The supervisors received a note of thanks from Tom Follett and Terri Blaisure of the United Way of Susquehanna County expressing appreciation for the township allowing them to use the meeting room for the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) clinic. Over 300 residents of the county received assistance through this program.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Incorrect Information Sent Out in Political Literature**

Linda A. Gittoes, secretary-treasurer reported to the supervisors, and wanted to bring it up at the meeting, that she had received incorrect information from a candidate seeking the office of township supervisor. The prospective candidate asserted that the following salaries were paid to the supervisors: (2021) \$86,606, (2022) \$106,326, (2023) \$105,953, (2024) \$125,775). Since the secretary-treasurer is also the township’s payroll clerk, she pulled out the payroll records for the years in question and found out the amounts paid to the supervisors varied *greatly* from the amounts in the voting literature. The amounts that were **actually** paid to the supervisors, (this information was submitted to the PA Department of Revenue, the U.S. Federal Government Business Services On-line, Encova Insurance Company which handles the township’s workers compensation insurance, the PA Dept of Community and Economic Development and reviewed by the Choconut Township Board of Auditors), is as follows: (2021) \$61,121.43, (2022) \$72,930.31, (2023) \$73,852.44, (2024) \$74,070.25. The difference involves tens of thousands of dollars. The prospective candidate stated that the figures came from “PA Gov websites”, though the specific websites were not named. In addition, the prospective candidate stated that the supervisors gave themselves raises, The rate of pay that the supervisors receive for work on the roads is set by the elected Choconut Township Board of Auditors, not the supervisors. The monthly pay that the supervisors receive for performing the duties of supervisor is established by ordinance. Should the supervisors decide to raise the rate of \$75.00 per month, the raise will not go into effect as long as they are in their current term of office. The secretary-treasurer believed that the public had a right to know the truth. As far as the information that is posted on the website, the secretary-treasurer does not believe that it is wise or prudent to publish on the internet the monthly financial reports which have not been audited by the Choconut Township Board of Auditors. The township’s financial records are audited by the board each year and the results of the audit are published in the newspaper. In addition, the board reports the results of the annual audit in a publicly advertised meeting of the Choconut Township Board of Supervisors. It should be noted that no other township or borough in Susquehanna County, (the ones that have websites), has their financial reports on their websites.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2025-05, 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 = Contact by phone: 570-553-2678