

CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING –October 6, 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 – Judy and John Ramsay, Don Randall, Ashley Randall, Gary Wilcox, Jeff Culver, John Brownlow.

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 presented.

Citizens Input on the Agenda – No one had anything to say at this time.

Reports of the board, commissions and committees

Susquehanna Co. Council of Governments, C.O.G. Sewage and Codes Committees –

Sup. Dovin reported that nothing was discussed that pertained to Choconut Township. The \$79,000.00 that was received from the sale of the land formerly owned by the C.O.G. will be put into a certificate of deposit.

Report of Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission Meeting – John Ramsay reported that a meeting was held, but nothing was brought up for discussion that pertained to Choconut Township.

Report of Supervisors on Current Roadwork – The supervisors reported that Shamberger Road was repaired and they are currently working on Binghamton Road. They are working on completing as much as possible of the repairs of the damage that was caused last year by Hurricane Debbie. Phone conferences and emails are on-going with FEMA/PEMA for reimbursement for damage to the roads and to the Carmalt Road bridge. Sup. Dovin is also working on 2 Dirt and Gravel Road grants for next year. A grant has been applied for from the state of PA for a new backhoe loader; the award will be made next September.

Hiring new roadworker – A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to hire Donald R. Randall, Jr., at a salary of \$20.00 per hour. Don started working for the township on 10/1/25.

OLD BUSINESS

Carmalt Road Bridge Repair - In response to a question by John Brownlow, the supervisors stated that FEMA/PEMA has said that they would cover the cost of the repairs to the bridge necessitated by the damage from Hurricane Debbie.

NEW BUSINESS -

Agreement with LaBella Associates for the repair of the Carmalt Road Bridge – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by supervisor Doolittle to hire LaBella to be the engineers on the repairs to the bridge.

Agreement with Salsman Engineering LLC for a flood mitigation project on Hurley Brook

Sup. Mordovancey explained the project to the public. A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to hire Salsman Engineering to handle the permit paperwork and the design for this flood mitigation project.

Resolution for Budget Amendment

The secretary-treasurer submitted an amendment to change the line items in a budget that she thought was going to be for the Act 13 Fund, but realized at the meeting that it should have been for the State Fund. After considering the various line items, a motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, seconded by Sup. Mordovancey and unanimously carried by the board to approve the proposed amendment to line items in the budget for the State Fund.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – John Ramsay asked about the work that was done on Meadow Lane and Kellum Road. Sup. Doolittle explained that the work was done to provide greater visibility and that the work crew will return to clean up the brush and the tree. They will also work on raising the Kellum Road sign to make it more visible. Judy Ramsay asked if our county was under a burn ban and was told that a burn ban had not been issued.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2025-09, 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. Dovin, seconded by Sup. Doolittle 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