

April 1, 2025 Regular Business Meeting: 7:00pm

Supervisor Hedge called the April meeting of the Broad Top Township Supervisors to order at 7:05 pm. Supervisor Black, Supervisor Melius and Secretary Woomer were also present.

The minutes of the March meeting were previously read and approved unanimously on motion by Supervisor Melius and seconded by Supervisor Black.

The Treasurer's report for March was presented and approved unanimously on motion by Supervisor Hedge and seconded by Supervisor Melius.

The March bills were posted for public review and, after time for questions, were approved unanimously on motion by Supervisor Melius and seconded by Supervisor Hedge.

Roadmaster Report:

Roadmaster Hedge reported that throughout this month we've been working on brooming roads and completed repairs to the Kay Farm bridge.

Landfill Inspector Report:

HMI Thomas reported there were no radiation hits for the month. The DEP inspection for the month of March was performed and no violations noted. Noteworthy: Construction for the new gas plant continues. Two attendants have been on site monitoring the gas wells. Work continues to connect the new gas wells to the system. A replacement has been on site training to become Weigh Master. The current Weigh Master is leaving April 4. A minor permit modification request to change the depth of the protective cover from 18" to 12" has been sent to the Township for review. Chairman Hedge stated he asked the landfill to delay submitting the permit mod until at least April 11th to give the Township time to review. The average ton per day was 541.41 tons and the high was 670.97 tons.

Construction Project Manager Report:

Supervisor Hedge stated that they have been diligently working on the Rail Trail project. He stated that DCNR's portion is about 50% complete and Broad Top Township's portion is about 30% complete. He is hopeful to complete this project by the 30th of May.

Watershed:

Supervisor Hedge stated that we're trying to find grant funding to cover the approximately \$30,000 required to test the wells at the Cooper Site and Riddlesburg Site for possible development of a regional water system.

Wastewater:

Supervisor Hedge stated that Fred Clark, DEP Water Quality Specialist, did his yearly treatment plant inspections. Hess's had a non compliance and we determined that it was due to pumping the solids tank the day prior to his testing.

Defiance School:

Supervisor Black stated that we're still having issues with two apartments having unauthorized visitors and are going to have to find a solicitor and take further action. Chairman Hedge stated that we've applied for CDBG funding to renovate the entrance doors and to modify the parking lot to be in compliance with ADA.

Coopers Campground:

Supervisor Hedge stated that they have drilled the well to provide the campground water. He is in the process of figuring out the electricity with Penelec and the Engineer is moving along with the plans.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Hedge stated that building codes filed several building code charges against the owners at 174 Fox Street, Defiance. The hearing was held with the district magistrate on March 6th and the defendant was found not guilty.
2. Chairman Hedge stated that a couple purchased a property in Dudley and per our ordinance when a property sells the sewage has to be taken care of. They decided to put \$20,000 in an escrow agreement with the Township until it was decided what they wanted to do with the property. They decided to do away with the trailer and the sewage, which was inspected by our wastewater operator. Chairman Hedge made a motion to return the escrow to the property owners. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.

New Business:

1. Chairman Hedge stated that sections of our garage doors are rusted beyond repair and need replaced. We were provided two estimates. Dependable Garage Doors \$4,884 and Mountain Air \$4040. Chairman Hedge made a motion to order the replacement panels from Mountain Air for \$4,040. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.
2. Chairman Hedge stated that we've been having continuous issues with our current aging trash truck. After discussion, Chairman Hedge made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 Peterbuilt 548 with a 25-yard Cobra Magnum provided by A&H Equipment through their CoStars Purchasing program in the amount of \$240,000 with RECA lending \$100,000 and the other \$140,000 borrowed from a lender providing the lowest interest rate. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Black and approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

Secretary Woomer stated the Nason Foundation sent an invitation to an event honoring the incredible impact of the grants provided by the Foundation since 1980. It will be held at Barneywood, 327 Tee Box Road, Duncansville 4/24/25 5-7pm.

Secretary Woomer stated Representative Topper is offering a free cyber security workshop focused on protecting local government from cyber threats on 4/15 11:30-1:30 at the American Legion in Bedford.

Secretary Woomer stated Donald Dusza sent a \$100 donation for H&BT Maintenance. Supervisor Melius asked that we send him a thank you note.

Chairman Hedge stated Mary Gates has been picking up trash along our township roads. We haven't sent her a donation for many years. After discussion, Supervisor Melius made a motion to make a \$100 donation to Mary Gates for her cleanup efforts. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hedge and approved unanimously.

Open to the Public: No public comment

Adjourn: Chairman Hedge then adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Attendees: Scott Foore, Dave Thomas, Ernest Fuller, Mike Metz