

May 6, 2025 Regular Business Meeting: 7:00pm

Supervisor Hedge called the May meeting of the Broad Top Township Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm. Supervisor Black, Supervisor Melius and Assistant Whitney Martin were also present.

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

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

The April bills were posted for public review and, after time for questions, were approved unanimously on motion by Supervisor Hedge and seconded by Supervisor Melius. Chairman Hedge made a motion to approve an invoice from Howard Hanna in the amount of \$2,400 for appraisals on the Rail Trail eminent domain properties. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.

Roadmaster Report:

Roadmaster Hedge reported that throughout this month we've been working on mainly the Rail Trail but have done some pot hole repairs and maintenance on the trail.

Landfill Inspector Report:

HMI Thomas reported they're getting around 90ton per day of sludge. The average ton per day was 479.7 tons and the high was 622.21 tons.

Construction Project Manager Report:

Supervisor Hedge stated that we have 10 on lots to build with engineering completed for approximately 5 of them.

Watershed:

Supervisor Hedge stated that the wells are drilled and we're waiting on testing.

Wastewater:

Supervisor Hedge stated that there has been some maintenance issues. The wastewater operator has resigned and we have placed an ad in the newspaper for a replacement.

Defiance School:

The family of Earl Thomas has approached the Supervisors wanting to purchase a bench and place out back of the building. After discussion, Chairman Hedge made a motion to allow the family to follow through with the purchase. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously. Chairman Hedge stated that the grandson of a tenant was arrested within the building and to protect the remaining tenants and in the best interest of the Township made a motion to send a letter to the tenant that immediate eviction will take place if the grandson comes back to the municipal building. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously. Chairman Hedge made a motion to refund the security deposit of Earl Thomas to the estate in care of Danny Thomas. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.

Phase 6 Rail Trail:

Chairman Hedge stated that the project is moving along.

Coopers Campground:

Supervisor Hedge stated that we are applying for a GTRP grant in the amount of \$250,000 with the Township matching 15% for phase 1 of construction. Supervisor Melius made a motion to approve resolution 5-25-3 that authorizes Donald Hedge & Stacy Woomer as document signers for the grant. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Hedge made a motion to approve resolution 5-25-2 authorizing to allow for Mr. Banco's land development. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.

New Business:

1. After time for discussion, Chairman Hedge made a motion to award Grannas Bros. the bid for 2500 ton 9.5mm blacktop at a rate of \$66.00/ton. The motion was seconded by supervisor Black and approved unanimously.
2. Chairman Hedge stated that the Henry property which the township purchased at a repository sale was sold on Municibid for \$27,101. After discussion, Chairman Hedge made a motion to approve the sale for \$27,101. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Black and approved unanimously.

3. Chairman Hedge made a motion to amend the new construction policies within our sewage ordinance for allowable holding tanks to require a 1,500 gallon concrete tank instead of 1,000 gallon tank. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.
4. Chairman Hedge made a motion to update and advertise for public comment the SALDO to deleting subsection C.1 and replacing it with a new subsection C.1 "Lots served by neither public water nor public sewage shall not be sized less than two (2) acres or 87,120 square feet. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.
5. Supervisor Melius made a motion to send an informative letter to not support HB308 which would require all municipalities to follow OSHA standards which will create a financial burden on municipalities. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hedge and approved unanimously.
6. Chairman Hedge tabled the introduction of a franchising fee for Comcast customers residing in the Township until further information is provided.
7. Chairman Hedge tabled the approval and requested a meeting with a township resident inquiring to set on the Wood, Broad Top, Wells Joint Municipal Authority.
8. Supervisor Melius made a motion to approve resolution 5-25-1 giving Donald Hedge Jr. the authority to sign the affidavit of ownership for the unclaimed property at Coopers. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Black and approved unanimously.
9. Chairman Hedge made a motion for Kellers to continue with the NPDES Permit application on behalf of the Township for the Cypher Wastewater system. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Melius and approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

Chairman Hedge stated that we received a grant for a new mower which will be purchased through the Costars program. After discussion, Supervisor Melius made a motion to add the tractor invoice to the current bills for payment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Black and approved unanimously.

Integrity Energy sent notice about renewing our electricity rate at 0.0999/kWh

PennDOT sent the winter services agreement for 25-26 winter season \$15,900.26, a 2% or \$312 increase from last year.

We received notification from DEP that J&J Svonavec submitted a request to change the land use from forestland to unmanaged natural habitat on Martin Farm Rd.

We received \$10,708.84 dividend check from MRM.

We received a thank you from First Peoples Community Credit Union for allowing them to finance the new trash truck.

Open to the Public: Resident Scott Foore stated that he would help to manage his section of Rail Trail.

Adjourn: Chairman Hedge then adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Attendees: Scott Foore, Dave Thomas, Bruce Lasala, Jason Banco