

# Branch Communicator

August 2010

## Supervisors Meeting Notes

### Telephone Numbers

#### Supervisors:

John Purcell 544-5890  
Robert Yeager 449-5226  
Joseph Wank 544-3183

### Township Offices

Branch Police 544-2901  
Township Garage 544-3557  
Secretary/Treasurer Joyce Beach  
Township Manager 544-4283  
John Andruchek 544-4283  
Sewage  
Tina Williams 544-1764  
Kim Krasinski 544-1764

### Police Report

The Police officers traveled 3200 miles in patrolling the townships using 3 police vehicles. 54 Incidents, Assists or Complaints were handled by 3 officers. They attended 6 hearings at District Judges offices. 8 Traffic citations were issued and there were 10 Criminal Arrest or charges.

The report covered the period 7/1/10– 7/31/10

### Wings and things

The Good Intent Hose company of Llewellyn is serving Wings every Tuesday from 6PM until all are gone. They will also serve clams and peel and eat shrimp. Come out and support the Hose company while enjoying a tasty dinner.

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### Anti-Consolidation Resolution

The Supervisors adopted a Resolution in "Opposition to Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations" to a resolution introduced in the PA Assembly by Rep Caltagirone. This resolution would amend the PA constitution to do away with local government and place all local functions under the control of the Counties. This would be another step down the slippery slope of socialism.

There are some 2700 municipalities and 67 counties in PA. It is easier to control 67 than 2700! Let us hope the Supervisors efforts will succeed.

Democracy is messy and difficult. But our Forefathers said they have given us a democracy, if we can keep it. It is hard to keep and disastrous to lose. Many democracies have failed but no socialist societies have long survived.

### Garbage Problems II.

Garbage pickups are still a problem with Kreitzer. They will pickup one side of a street and not the other. A formal letter of dissatisfaction with contractor performance is being sent to the hauler. Continued poor performance may be grounds for a breach of contract action.

The road master, Supervisor Wank asked that missed pickups be reported to the township office by 2PM on the date of failure. Do not wait until the next day to report the problem so that action can be taken by the contractor, not township workers.

### Property Maintenance

The Supervisors will be looking into increasing fines for failure to take action on problems reported to the property owners. This item will be looked into by the solicitor so the Property Maintenance Ordinance can be amended.

### Township Web Page

The township web page is still under construction. The current information can be viewed by going to [www.branchtownship.com](http://www.branchtownship.com). Items that will be displayed will include meeting minutes, some township forms and ordinances, as well as pictures of various people and locations in the township.

### Schools In

August 30th is the beginning date for the school year 2010-2011. Bus stops will have gaggles of students, children will be walking to and from those bus stops, and school buses will be impeding traffic as they stop for student pick ups and discharges. In other words, be very -very careful while driving. Kids are not always careful and frequently do dumb things. So do drivers!!!

### Ladies Auxilliary Fund raiser

The Good Intent Hose Company Ladies Auxilliary will host a Vera Bradley Bingo on Sunday October 24th at the Hose Company. Doors open at 11:30 with Bingo starting at 1PM. Food will be available. There will be limited seating with tickets ordered early costing \$20.00 and tickets at the door \$25.00. To purchase tickets call Joyce at 544-6169 or Larae at 544-4419.

### November Elections

The General Election will be held on Tuesday November 2nd. Those who are not registered to vote will have until October 4th to be eligible to participate. Anyone who will be out of town on election day can apply for an absentee ballot. This must be done by Tuesday, October 26th.

Anyone needing help to register to vote, change party, or apply for an absentee ballot can call me for help at 544-6583. Anyone needing a ride to the polls on election day can also call me for a ride.

# Sewage Authority

## Financial Data

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<b>Income</b>		
<b>Court Income</b>		136.62
<b>General Receipts</b>		11,412.40
<b>Permits</b>		250.00
<b>Tax Income</b>		6,040.55
<b>Total Income</b>		17,839.57
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Building Inspector</b>		153.52
<b>Contractors</b>		369.00
<b>Electric</b>		141.35
<b>Engineering</b>		254.00
<b>Garbage</b>		7,997.65
<b>Insurance</b>		
<b>Health Insurance</b>		4,657.67
<b>Insurance - Other</b>		239.10
<b>Total Insurance</b>		4,896.77
<b>Misc</b>		191.17
<b>Office Expense</b>		653.00
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>		10,082.54
<b>Payroll Taxes</b>		3,826.04
<b>Police</b>		-702.19
<b>Road Work</b>		25,000.00
<b>Sewage</b>		174.00
<b>Solicitor</b>		2,069.18
<b>Supervisors</b>		147.12
<b>Tax Collections</b>		1,434.40
<b>Telephones</b>		303.54
<b>Truck &amp; Equipment</b>		534.40
<b>truck Loan</b>		360.12
<b>Utilities</b>		1,004.88
<b>Total Expense</b>		58,890.49
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>-41,050.92</b>
	<b>From Penn Vest</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>(13050.92)</b>

Another non-meeting as not enough Authority members showed up to make a quorum. The plant operation report showed the plant to be operating well within EPA specs. The number of delinquents declined slightly as did the total amount due. Tina Williams has prepared a listing of problem areas for SCMA to deal with when the merger is completed.

Solicitor Rattigan updated the attending members on the status of the merger with SCMA. All required information has been provided and it is just the final acceptance paperwork that needs completion.

Hopefully, the consolidation will be completed by the end of the month.

## Planning Commission

The planning Commission reviewed two subdivision plans at the August meeting.

A plan for annexation of a plot of land from Susan Tellez to William Tellez Jr, was approved. The net effect of this annexation was to enlarge the holding of Tellez Jr. and change the boundary lines of both properties.

The Second plan for subdivision was from Phillip Koury. This plan would create a building lot behind Hill Terrace Drive off a non-standard roadway currently providing access to two other property with easements allow for access from Hill Terrace Drive. This plan was tabled pending

clarification of access across the portion of the roadway owned and retained by Koury and the lack of a written maintenance agreement between the existing property owners.

The Board also was briefed on two potential subdivisions for which no formal information has yet been presented. One potential subdivision is on West Lawn Street between Rte 209 and the Minersville Highway. The second is a possible subdivision of existing lots on West Terrace Drive and Elm street.

## News letter Sponsors

**Enbee Tax Service, Federal and State E-filing Service**  
available  
544-6583

**Don's Classis Restoration & Auto Body Inc**  
544-8209

## Patrons:

Jerry Rizzardi  
Pothering Generators

## **Phoenix Park Happenings**

The Phoenix Park fire company will be sponsoring weekly bingo games. The games will be held on **Mondays starting at 6:30PM at the Fire Company.** All are invited to play.

**Up Coming Events :** The next supervisors meeting will be *Sept 20th* . Planning Commission Sept 7th . Public meetings start at 7PM . Sewage Authority meeting will be Thursday 16th 4:30 PM.

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