

# Branch Communicator

March 2010

## Supervisors Meeting Notes

### Telephone Numbers

#### Supervisors:

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

### 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 2744 miles in patrolling the townships using 4 police vehicles. 41 Incidents, Assists or Complaints were handled by 3 officers. They attended 6 Court hearings

The report covered the period 2/1/10 to 2/28/10

### 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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### Compost site to reopen

The Compost site will reopen for operation on Saturday April 3rd. The schedule will follow past practices with the site open every Wednesday from 4PM to 6PM and every Saturday from 9 AM to 1PM.

### No Waterline Grant

The Supervisors and the Good Intent Hose Company were informed that the water line extension grant that was applied for was turned down as it didn't meet the criteria for a grant. The line that would have run from Willing Street down the Silverton Road to the Good Intent building would not have served the minimum of 3 homes required by the criteria.

### Township Web Page

The supervisors are soliciting request for proposals for the operation and maintenance of a township web page. This would include domain name, page hosting, information on township meetings, forms downloading and updating including monthly meeting minutes, police reports and financial information of interest to township residents. Proposals should be submitted to Branch Township Supervisors, POB 222, Llewellyn PA 17944.

### Fire police officers to be dropped

The names of 4 fire police officers who have failed to complete required training course were submitted to the Supervisors. It was requested that these members be dropped from the roll of Fire Police Officers in the township. The two Supervisors in attendance agreed to take the necessary action. Supervisor Yeager was absent.

### Garbage Delinquents

Gail Bedford is to have all the information necessary to send collection letters to those who are behind in or who have never paid the garbage tax. These letters should be out by mid April. If everyone paid the garbage tax in a timely manner, those who do wouldn't be faced with paying more and more with less and less income.

### Annual Fund Raising Drive

The Good Intent Hose Company has started it's annual fund raising mailing. With the cost of a new equipment building and unfunded mandates placed on volunteer fire companies the need for these additional funds should be met with contributions from all residents of Branch Township. In these times of economic distress more is asked of individuals. Do your part and give what you can.

### Did ja Know??

Street lighting of the Township was completed in 1920. The monthly cost to the township for that ranks forth behind payroll, garbage and health insurance .

### County Republican Committee

I will be a candidate for membership on the County Republican Committee in the primary election to be held on **Tuesday May 18th**. I would like to be part of a group seeking to restore the principals of the Republican philosophy to the county party, not to support the party leadership. I ask your vote for my candidacy in the Primary election. Thanks.



# Sewage Authority

## Financial Data

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<b>Income</b>	
Court Income	352.50
General Receipts	2,419.17
Other Income	3,970.31
Permits	46.64
Tax Income	<u>3,787.06</u>
Transfer from Penninvest	<u>16,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,575.68</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Building Inspector	172.49
Contractors	3,520.00
dues	648.24
Electric	3,251.40
Engineering	87.00
Garbage	7,997.85
Insurance	
Health Insurance	48.12
Insurance - Other	827.10
Total Insurance	875.22
Misc	70.49
Office Expense	661.59
Payroll Expenses	10,419.10
Payroll Taxes	206.23
Police	329.32
Road Work	2,942.66
Sewage	174.00
Solicitor	180.00
Supervisors	221.69
Tax Collections	561.29
Telephones	306.61
Truck & Equipment	2,672.62
Utilities	<u>847.17</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>36,144.97</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-9,569.29</b>

A quiet sewage meeting. Only one Branch Representative, Jack Purcell, showed up.

The delinquencies were down about \$10,000 to \$75358.00 as a result of letters sent to those owing more than \$300.00. 37 paid in full. 30 liens were issued. The solicitor explained that those with liens who have continued to not pay need to have additional liens filed for the new total arrears.

## Plant Operations

The operational report again showed no grinder pump calls for the month. Maintenance problems identified included the Condor pump station's wet well needs to be re-coated to prevent further deterioration of discharge pipes. The Quandel pump needed a new motor bearing. Other maintenance was needed on several of the pump stations.

The treatment plant continued to operate well within specifications set by the DEP.

## SCMA Information

There still hasn't been an operational meeting between BCRSA and SCMA. This will be scheduled in the near future. I questioned the subject of sewage for the west end of Branch. This was one of the three areas identified by the DEP as needing sewage back in 1992. It was stated by the solicitor that this would still be a matter for Branch Township to deal with if pushed by the DEP. The best action would be for the Steins Mill area to go into the Reilly Township system when their Act 537 plan was finalized. However it would be a matter for which Branch Township Supervisors would be responsible.

## Hose Company Happenings

Monthly Pizza sales will be held on the Second Saturday of each month. The next one April 10th. A Chicken BBQ on April 17th. May 9th will host a Mothers Day Dinner. Plan ahead!!!!

## Planning Commission

No March meeting as there was no business to conduct.



## TAX Time April 15th

The last day to file you Federal and State Income tax is Thursday April 15th.

## 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 *April 19th* . Planning Commission April 6th . Public meetings start at 7PM . Sewage Authority meeting will be Thursday April 22nd 4:30 PM.

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