

# Branch Communicator

May 2009

## Supervisors Meeting Notes

### Telephone Numbers

#### Supervisors:

Robert Keifer 544-2249  
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  
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### Police Report

The Police officers traveled 2863 miles in patrolling the townships using 4 police vehicles. 79 Incidents, Assists or Complaints were handled by 3 officers. They attended 3 hearings at District Judges offices. There were 6 traffic citations issued.

The report covered the period 4/1/09 to 4/30/09

### 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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### Memorial Day Celebration

The supervisors issued a note of thanks to the Memorial Day Committee for their hard work in organizing the parade and program honoring our veterans. It was also pointed out that the celebration is sponsored by the Branch Township AMVETS and there is little direct cost to the township, other than police involvement.

The committee is trying to get a listing of **all veterans** from the township. Anyone who's name wasn't listed in the program can have their name or a relatives name added to the list by completing a form. The forms are available at the Llewellyn Post Office or can be obtained from a committee member. Members are Norm Bertasavage, Lisa Paul, Gloria Capik, Jim Spangler and George Somers.

### Increased Police Patrols

Due to the spate of arsons within the township police patrols will be increased. Reilly township has agreed to share some of the expense for additional police shifts in the effort to stop the recent fires. The investigation of the arsons is being jointly conducted by the Branch Reilly police and the State Police Fire Marshals office. Any one with information on these acts of arson is urged to contact the township police.

### A resolution to use on line reporting

The supervisors agreed to a resolution to use the DOT Grants on line reporting system to file required Liquid Fuels annual forms. Secretary Joyce Beach received training in the use of the on-line system.

### Census Takers

A resident asked about purported Census takers in the township. Apparently there have been people contacting residents in a random manner. The 2010 Census will be on going. There has been no official notice of Census workers being in the township. All Census workers will have officially issued identification.

### Arson damage clean-up

The demolition of the Fish residence on Willing street has been completed. Clean-up at the Llewellyn Hotel is on-going.

### Assessment Appeal Hearing

Supervisor Purcell attended a county assessment hearing to have land deed to the township by Blashock removed from the tax rolls.

### Garbage Contract

The garbage contract with Dave Evans Disposal expired at the end of 2009. The solicitor was authorized to begin the bidding process to insure a new contract is in place by the end of the year.

### Central Schuylkill COG

A meeting of the proposed Central Schuylkill Council of Governments will be held in the Branch township building on June 16th.

### Road Master's Report

Cold patch is now available and township workers will be fixing the worst of the pot-hole and cutting grass. They also spruced up the cemetery's.

### Happy Fathers day.

Fathers day and the first day of summer fall on June 21st this year. Make sure Dad has a hot time in the old town on his day.



# Sewage Authority

## Financial Data

<b>Income</b>	
Court Income	183.94
General Receipts	1,891.67
Licences	100.00
Other Income	4,703.01
Permits	99.00
Tax Income	145,317.44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>152,295.06</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Building Inspector	144.38
dues	14,840.18
Electric	3,284.10
Engineering	205.00
Garbage	7,543.78
Insurance	
Health Insurance	3,779.37
Insurance - Other	4,056.60
Total Insurance	7,835.97
Misc	357.06
Payroll Expenses	9,529.00
Payroll Taxes	
Unemployment tax	50.00
Payroll Taxes - Other	4,040.13
Total Payroll Taxes	4,090.13
Police	62.39
postage	84.00
Sewage	390.98
Solicitor	100.00
Supervisors	220.68
Tax Collections	5,856.46
Telephones	317.51
Truck & Equipment	1,067.57
truck Loan	360.12
Utilities	917.69
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>57,207.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>95,088.06</b>

## Planning Commission

There was no May meeting of the Planning commission as there was no business presented.

The meeting again had trouble getting enough members to have a quorum until the agenda was nearly completed.

Grease was the major cause of grinder pump and emergency trouble calls. 3 of the 4 grinder pump calls were due to grease on floats.

A local restaurant's undersized grease trap was responsible for replacement of 2 new pumps, melted wiring, and various capacitors and alternator switched to clear a blocked line. The total cost of these repairs caused by grease is in excess of \$15,000.00.

Grease caused problems are a major reason for the high operational cost endured by the Authority and the monthly deficits.

## Delinquencies

Delinquencies were down slightly for the month. 72 customers are delinquent in their accounts more than 5 months. 28 of the delinquencies are from Branch Township and 45 are from Cass Township. Of the 27 in Branch Township 7 delinquencies are greater than \$1,000.00 while 17 of Cass Townships are greater than \$1,000.00

The Authority has issued 32 payment plans and placed liens against 20 properties. 10 customers have received intent notices and another 10 have received final notices. The total for all delinquent accounts is \$67,092.80. Branch accounts for \$21,386.72 and Cass \$43,666.24 of the total. These are the people the rest of us are carrying.

## Reilly Township

Reilly still hasn't taken action on it's Act 537 Plan

## News letter Sponsors

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

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

**Jerry Rizzardi**

**Up Coming Events** : The next supervisors meeting will be *June 29th* . Planning Commission June 2nd . Public meetings start at 7PM . Sewage Authority meeting will be Thursday June 18th @ 4:30 PM.

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