

Benezette Township Meeting Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2023

The Benezette Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday March 7th, 2023 at the Benezette School House located at 105 Schoolhouse Road, Benezette, PA. A workshop began at 5:00 PM with the township meeting starting at 6:00 PM. Present were Supervisor/Roadmaster Mitchell Hanes, Supervisor Pamela Mong and Secretary/Treasurer Krista Meyer. Please see the attached sign in sheet for residents and guests present at the meeting. Supervisor Hanes called the township meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and thanked everyone for attending.

MOTION TO ACCEPT FEBRUARY 2023 TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES:

FIRST: Supervisor Mong COMMENTS: None SECOND: Supervisor Hanes YES: 2 NO: 0

MOTION TO ACCEPT FEBRUARY 2023 TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT:

FIRST: Supervisor Mong COMMENTS: Bob Davis questioned the Hawbaker transaction/multimodal grant and how the transactions work. SECOND: Supervisor Hanes YES: 2 NO: 0

TREE CANOPY UPDATE: Tree Canopy project for Winslow Hill is complete. Dee Chaney commented that it looks really nice.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: Supervisor Mong has been working on the handbook. She has added 3 policies this month. We will continue to work on it and submit it to have it approved.

SCHOOL HOUSE ROOF ADVERTISEMENT: Advertisement for the School House roof has been published. We will accept bids and open them during the April 2023 Township Meeting. At this point we only have one bid, but expect to receive several more. We had a temporary fix done, but was just informed there is another leak in the kitchen area. The roof is not going to hold up.

BAT BOX/HOUSE: The Game Commission came and put up a bat box on the side of the salt shed. They will be coming in the spring to do a count on the bats to determine how many more bat boxes/houses they need to put up.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE: There is a repair that needs done to the approach of the bridge on Station Road. Jeff Stefanak explained how it is a normal occurrence and has created a type of a speed bump there. We received a quote from Kinkead for \$1,458.00. He will complete this when he comes to finish the Hulette Street project. Supervisor Hanes said we will be moving forward with having this fixed as it's a reasonable price. Once the asphalt companies open up they will start their work.

WARM PROGRAM: First Energy has a program to help low to moderate income people with their energy costs. There is a description in the packet and applications here at the township.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: We will have the annual Adopt-a-Highway clean up here in Benezette on April 11, 2023 at 9am. We will meet at the township office. There will be gloves and vests provided. We will be cleaning up rain or shine.

DUMP TRUCK BED: Supervisor Hanes explained that the dump truck bed broke. There were 2 welds that held it together. We have to look into getting a new one. Jeff Stefanak is working on getting bids. We have one spreader truck and 2 plow trucks. Bob Davis questioned the year of the dump truck. Supervisor Hanes said that it is a 2017 and it is not the truck itself, but the dump bed/bed frame that needs replaced. The bed was a cheaper model.

KRONENWETTER: We have a sewage maintenance agreement that needs signed to fulfill a requirement for DEP. It is between the township and the Kronenwetters. Russ Braun okayed it. Basically, says that Kronenwetter's will maintain the sewage system they have installed and the township has the right to inspect it.

ROADMASTERS REPORT: It is a bit quiet with the winter months. We will starting to getting roadwork done in the spring. We are planning on doing some tar & chipping with Jay Township. They are looking at giving us a price for our project this year.

TOWNSHIP PUBLIC FORUM:

Dee Chaney - questioned about what we are going to do for the township on what do we see in Benezette in the next 10 years.
Gail Gearhart - said that she would like to see the church continue here in Benezette. We need more people to keep it alive.
Bob Davis - suggested that we have a public forum where the whole subject is to talk about what the people wants to see happen here in Benezette. He believes we need to have a meeting on a certain day to open this up.

Dee Chaney - suggested to post a questionnaire on the public site which would have more people than the 10 or 15 that attend meetings.

TOWNSHIP PORTION OF THE MEETING ADJOURNED:

FIRST: Supervisor Mong COMMENTS: None SECOND: Supervisor Hanes YES: 2 NO: 0

SEWAGE MEETING MINUTES

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SEWAGE PLANT WIND DAMAGE: We had a tree come down and damage the fence & 2 blowers. It damaged the blower housing unit and motor on one that will need replaced. It has been turned into the insurance. There is a blow off valve that is leaking air and needs replaced.

SEWAGE GENERATOR: The generator's motherboard quit working and causing the generator to go into test mode. The generator will need to be turned on manually if we have a power outage. We are waiting for a new motherboard to come in. Bob Davis questioned whether the we turned it on manually and the electric comes back on could that cause an issue if we do not shut the generator off. Brandi Hanes questioned if we have an ap that gives us a notification that the generator is on. Jeff Stefanak explained the sensa phone. Gerry Quickel said he has a Generac and State Farm Insurance just sent them a thing they plug into any socket in their house. It will send information to an ap that will let them know when the generator comes on. Jeff Stefanak questioned whether the sensa phone allows a second number.

SEWAGE OPERATOR'S REPORT: no questions

SEWAGE PUBLIC FORUM:

Mark Moorehead – questioned whether the township was going to pursue phase 2 and phase 3 of the sewage. He believes it would be beneficial and having more on the sewage would bring in more money.

SEWAGE MEETING ADJOURNED:

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Meeting Minutes transcribed by Krista Meyer, Township Secretary