

March 3, 2020

### REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, March 5, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building.

All of the Supervisors were present. Also present were residents Mike Wingard of 22 Windsor Drive; Dough Achenbach of 25 Imperial Drive; Ronald Coburn of 44 Quarry Hill Road; Dick Stanley of 8 Fox Creek Drive; Tyler and Anna Shoaf of 77 Sherrard Avenue.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the Regular Meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the meeting for Public Comment. Mike Wingard of 22 Windsor Drive asked the supervisors whether they were planning on entering into a township wide waste/garbage hauling contract. Chairman Hittle stated the supervisors have had one meeting with the Solid Waste Authority of Lawrence/Mercer County relating to a recycling grant to provide curbside recycling to Township Residents. However, it is still too early to tell what will develop. Supervisor Hittle stated the Township has received a number of calls relating to recycling options since the co-mingle Blue Bins have been removed. Ron Coburn of 44 Quarry Hill Road spoke regarding the upcoming 2020 Census. He is working for the Census and is looking for part-time workers to canvas the area and reach out to those residents that do not complete the census that will come by U.S. Mail. Information was left at the Township Building for anyone interested in part-time work. Tyler and Anna Shoaf of 77 Sherrard Avenue asked the Supervisors if a 4 way stop could be installed at the intersection of Sherrard/Mehard Avenues after a recent accident that damaged their front porch. Chairman Hittle stated it is illegal to attempt to control speed by installing Stop signs per PennDot regulations/code. However he did state the Township would be willing to do a traffic/safe running speed study to determine if the current posted speed limit is sufficient. Supervisor Hittle is also investigating legal options available to assist at the intersection for Roadway Departure Crashes.

Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion to approve of and dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2020. Supervisor Geisel made the motion to approve of and dispense with the minutes. Supervisor Hittle duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried. Chairman Hittle said the minutes are a public document and may be viewed during regular business hours at the Township Building.

Exonerations have been requested by Tax Collector William Fagley for 2020. Supervisor Hittle read the list of requested exonerations for 2020. After no discussion on the topic, a motion to approve was made by Supervisor Geisel and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle stated if Township Residents have any questions filing their 2019 local wage taxes to contact the local Berkheimer office at 724-347-7607.

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Chairman Hittle said Township Supervisors need to reappoint a delegate and alternate to the Act 32 earned income tax collection committee for Mercer County. Supervisor Hittle made a motion to appoint Gary E. Hittle as the delegate for Hempfield Township and Todd P. Hittle as the alternate delegate. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Geisel and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle stated the annual Clean-Up Day for Hempfield Township residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Call the Township Office at 724-588-5032 for more details.

Chairman Hittle said the Supervisors need to approve participation by the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department members in upcoming activities. They are: March 5- Work Session; March 9- Directors/Membership Meeting; March 12- North Group Training at Hempfield PPE/SCBA; March 17- County Fire Chief's Meeting at Hempfield; March 19- North Group Training at Transfer/Fire Water Rescue. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to approve participation in the aforementioned activities by VFD members. It was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Next on the Agenda is the viewing of reports of the various Township departments for the month of February. The police report was first presented. The men worked 765 man hours and traveled 3,610 miles. They issued 4 traffic citations. There were 5 accidents with 1 injury. There were 444 criminal-related incidents, 236 service incidents, 22 police information, and 8 additional traffic related incidents. Property stolen was in the amount of \$100.00 and property recovered in the amount of \$60.00. There was no damaged property reported.

For the month of February for the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, there were 9 incidents including 8 fires and 1 EMS calls. Mutual Aid was provided 4 times.

There were 3 zoning permits issued for the month of February. They were issued to James W. Ferguson of 3 Southridge Road for a Garage at an estimated market value of \$1800.00; David Stoyer of 39 Donation Road for a porch at an estimated market value of \$200.00 and Mark Reimold of 30 Holiday Lane for a Carport at an estimated market value of \$8000.00.

The Township Maintenance Crew report was reviewed next. Anti-skid/salt was mixed, Township roads were scraped of snow drifts and slush, Patched potholes on Salem, Gibson, Frye, West Methodist, Woodbine and at the HVFD parking lot; Checked cross pipes for replacement along roads schedule for seal-coating in 2020; Spread gravel in back lot of Township Building; Cleaned area around burning barrel/incinerator; Repaired road sign along Hamburg Road damaged; Picked up new 2020 HTPD vehicle and delivered to Open Signs for decals; Sharpened blades on Toro Zero Turn Mower; Dismounted then mounted new tires on Toro Zero Turn Mower; Cleaned plow trucks of salt/anti-skid; Took Toro Mower back to Park Barn and picked up Ex-Mark Mower for servicing/repairs; Cut down dead trees at park; Planned/designed new man door and garage door for Barn at

Township Building; Worked on HTPD Unit#1 for set up of new vehicle; Fabricated brackets for new overhead door at Barn at Township Building; Installed new strobe lights on Ford Dump Truck; Greased/Service old John Deere Backhoe; Changed furnace filters; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Painted new trash cans at Park; Cleaned salt spreaders of debris; Broke beaver dam to drain high water at bridge along West Methodist Road; Checked ditches after storms; Checked yard along Sherrard Ave. for culvert pipe replacement project in spring; Met contractor in field for upcoming Traffic Signal upgrade through Green Light Go Grant; Took HTPD Unit#2 to McCandless Ford for water pump replacement; Trip to Charles Tool in Shippenville, PA to pick up new Shoe Rammer/Tamper; Cut up downed trees by #1 Pavilion at Park; Checked HTMA lines in Township; Used jetter to open up HTMA main line along Windsor Drive; Greased Serviced Ford Dump; Serviced Chainsaws; Fixed/replaced broken windows in barn at Township Building; Cleaned/removed trash along Hamburg Road, Williamson Road, Mehard Avenue.

Chairman Hittle opened the floor for miscellaneous business. There was none.

Chairman Hittle said that prior to adjournment, a motion should be made and seconded that checks be issued in payment of all utility bills, and that all other bills be checked and upon approval, be paid. The motion was made by Supervisor Geisel and duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle. The motion was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Supervisor Hittle made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Geisel duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle declared the meeting adjourned.

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Todd P. Hittle, Township Secretary

**GENERAL FUND:**

Aqua Filter Fresh Inc.....	\$	57.35
Busy Beaver.....	\$	481.44
BSFCU.....	\$	2445.34
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Brownies Oil Comp.....	\$	1265.83
Companion Life Insurance.....	\$	325.42
David A. Geisel.....	\$	68.80
Penn Power.....	\$	250.17
National Fuel.....	\$	290.19
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$	68.80
Greenville Regional Lock-Up/MCOG.....	\$	830.50
Greenville Water Co.....	\$	70.76
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$	304.64
Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department.....	\$	150.00
Kelly Hittle.....	\$	280.00
Lakelands Communications/MCOG.....	\$	500.00
Bill McCandless Ford.....	\$	1649.23

M&R Power Equipment.....	\$ 504.20
Patrick T. Kelly.....	\$ 75.00
Rolling Ridge Metals.....	\$ 346.06
Roger R. Shaffer, Jr.....	\$ 750.00
S & D Calibration.....	\$ 13.00
Steven R. Vosler.....	\$ 450.00
Verizon Wireless.....	\$ 240.77
Wal-Mart.....	\$ 138.29
Waste Management.....	\$ 14.49
Mary Lentz.....	\$ 76.54

STATE FUND:

Penn Power Company.....	\$ 2,141.08
Lakeland Aggregates.....	\$ 1,537.90
Charles Tool & Supply, Inc.....	\$ 2312.25
Five Star Equipment, Inc.....	\$ 1795.00
Morton Salt.....	\$ 1409.26