

July 6, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, July 6, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building.

All of the Supervisors were present. Richard G. Stanley of 8 Fox Creek Drive, Rick Rossi of 136 Woodshire and Doug Zarecky of 105 Vine were also present.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the Regular Meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the meeting for Public Comment. Doug Zarecky of 105 Vine Avenue asked if the Township had any, or started, regulations relating to an ordinance for management of Solar Farms on a commercial level. Township Secretary Hittle stated the Township is working with Solicitor Roger Shaffer and the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission on such an ordinance.

Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion to dispense with the reading and approve of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2021. Supervisor Geisel made the motion, Supervisor Todd 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 at any time during regular business hours.

An ordinance was prepared and properly advertised amending the Hempfield Township Police Pension Plan Document. Secretary Hittle read Ordinance 2021-1 in full. Chairman Hittle asked if there was any discussion and there was none. A motion by Vice-Chair Geisel and a second from Supervisor Hittle to approve Ordinance 2021-1 as presented. Secretary Hittle polled the board: Chairman Hittle, Yes; Vice-Chairman Geisel, Yes; and Supervisor Hittle, Yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle announced that the annual clean-up day for Township Residents will be Saturday, September 18th, 7:00am to Noon at the Township Building. For more information, please call the Township office at 724-588-5032.

The appointment of Mr. John Weaver of 101 Vine Avenue to the Hempfield Township Zoning Hearing Board was presented. The term of the appointment is for 3 years ending July 6, 2024. A motion by Vice-Chair Geisel was made with a second from Supervisor Hittle. It was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said that there are activities for the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department which must be approved by the Supervisors at this time. They are: July 8-Training; July 12- Directors/Membership meeting; July 15-Training; July 16/17- Golf Outing Fundraiser; July 20- Mercer County Fire Chiefs Meeting; July 22- Training; July 23/24/25- Family Camping Weekend. Vice-Chairman Geisel made a motion to approve the activities mentioned. It was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle.

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Motion carried.

Next on the Agenda is the viewing of reports of the various Township departments. The police report for the month of June was first presented. The men worked 926 man hours and traveled 5,457 miles. They issued 5 traffic citations. There were 7 accidents with 2 injuries. There were 43 criminal-related incidents, 454 service incidents, 37 police information, and 106 additional traffic related incidents. Property stolen was in the amount of \$1,280.98 with \$1,280.98 recovered. No property was damaged.

There were 5 zoning permits issued by the Zoning Administrator for the month of June. They were issued as follows: Eric McGonigal of 204 Lynwood Drive for a fence at an estimated market value of \$4,500.00; Verizon Wireless of 307 Mercer Road for improvements to a cellular tower at an estimated market value of \$10,00.00; Donald Bee of 5 Williamson Road for a home addition at an estimated market value of \$19,500.00; Erwin Hostetler of 455 Fredonia Road for a workshop/accessory dwelling at an estimated market value of \$36,000.00 and 100 Hadley Road LLC for a sign at an estimated market value of \$5,000.00.

The Maintenance Report for June was reviewed next. Removed dead animals from township roads; trimmed branches from ROW on St. Glory, Saul and Sheakley Avenues; Cleaned backhoe inside and outside; Cleaned Chevy Pick Up; Cleaned rugs in garage area; Cleaned pavilions and outhouses at Park; Mowed grass at Park; Worked to complete rebuild of Pavilion #3 outhouse; Picked up grate for catch basin install at McGill's in Kinsman, OH; Hauled stone from White Rock for culvert pipe replacements/installs; Cut brush and cleaned around road signs and replaced stop sign on Gibson Road; Serviced HTPD Unit#1; Serviced Chevy Pick Up; Ordered new metal roofing materials for ban at Hempfield Park; Washed HTPD vehicles; Sprayed intersections and islands round township for weeds; Trimmed and weed eat at Bigler Cemetery; Set up park for rentals; Panted picnic tables at park; patched numerous Township roads scheduled for seal coating; Installed and took down state flags at park for Memorial Day weekend; Trimmed along Hadley Road sidewalk area; Cut grass and grounds at Township Building; Cleaned park restrooms after rentals; Replaced culvert pipe and installed catch basin on Templeton Avenue; Cut trees on Quarry Hill Road; Mowed berms; Mowed at Park; Put new metal roof on barn at Park; Cleaned catch basins around township after storms; Hauled stone from White Rock; Hauled mulch for park and islands around township; Worked on HTPD Unit#2; Worked on GMC Dump Truck; Serviced HTPD Unit#3; Put in driveway culvert on Gibson Road; Removed trash at Park; Trimmed at cemetery; Trimmed in and around dry pond; Trimmed shrubs and put down mulch around Township Bldg.

Chairman Hittle opened the miscellaneous portion of the meeting. Rick Rossi of 136 Woodshire Road asked if the Township ever considered permitting ATV/Side-by-Sides on Township Roads. Previous discussion on this topic was discussed with HTPD who strongly discourages such a practice for safety concerns.

Chairman Hittle said he would make a motion that checks be issued in payment of all utility bills, and that all other bills be checked and upon approval, be paid. Supervisor Geisel made that motion, Supervisor Hittle duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Hittle declared the Meeting adjourned.

Todd P. Hittle, Township Secretary

GENERAL FUND:

Busy Beaver.....	\$ 260.99
BSFCU.....	\$ 169.69
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Companion Life.....	\$ 365.44
David A. Geisel.....	\$ 68.80
Wallace & Dibble.....	\$ 500.00
National Fuel.....	\$ 56.84
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$ 68.80
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 269.60
Bunzl Distribution.....	\$ 159.33
Kelly Hittle.....	\$ 350.00
MCRPC.....	\$ 658.07
Pitney Bowes.....	\$ 77.37
Record-Argus.....	\$ 125.75
Roger R. Shaffer, Jr.....	\$ 750.00
Shred-It USA-LLC.....	\$ 113.63
United States Treasury.....	\$ 264.90
Steve Vosler.....	\$ 900.00
Wal-Mart.....	\$ 91.53
Flynns Tire.....	\$ 333.16
John Prosek.....	\$ 5,061.00
Tri-State Aggregate.....	\$ 300.00
Cintas.....	\$ 146.94
Penn Power.....	\$ 176.88
United States Treasury.....	\$ 31.92
Brownies Oil Co.....	\$ 912.00
Zito Business.....	\$ 200.00
Aqua Filter Fresh.....	\$ 74.95
Earthscape.....	\$ 175.50
Tractor Supply Co.....	\$ 159.71

STATE FUND:

Penn Power.....	\$ 2,049.93
White Rock Silica Sand Co., Inc.....	\$ 295.34
Stephenson Equipment Inc.....	\$ 74.05
Lane Enterprises.....	\$ 79.97

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1

**HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
POLICE PENSION PLAN**

AN ORDINANCE OF HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF POLICE EMPLOYEES PENSION, ANNUITY, INSURANCE AND BENEFIT FUND OR FUNDS, AMENDING THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAM APPLICABLE TO THE POLICE EMPLOYEES OF SAID TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, since October 1, 1969, the Township has maintained a pension arrangement for its police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Township is subject to Act 600 including the Police Pension provisions set forth in 53 P.S. §767 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to set forth all of the Police Pension Plan provisions in one document; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been amended and supplemented in various respects pursuant to the enactments of the Township Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Hempfield Township intends that the Plan shall meet the requirements for government plans under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Plan, which supersedes all prior Township enactments regarding Police retirement benefits, effective as of January 1, 2021, as amended and restated in its entirety, is herein set forth as Exhibit "A" and shall be interpreted in conformance with the Act 600 Police pension provisions.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this 6TH day of July, 2021.