

August 3, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, August 3, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Hempfield Township Municipal Building. Supervisors Gary E. Hittle, David E. Geisel and Todd P. Hittle were present along with Caleb Straight of the *Record- Argus Newspaper*.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting. There was none.

Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2021. Supervisor Geisel made the motion and it was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried. Chairman Hittle said that the minutes are a public document and may be viewed during regular business hours at the Township Building.

Resolution R10-21 was prepared to purchase a replacement tractor for the Township's 1987 Massey Ferguson Tractor with a Tiger Flail mower. Secretary Hittle read Resolution R10-21 in full. There were no comments. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Geisel, duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Bids were properly advertised for the purchase of a 2006 or newer Massey Ferguson Tractor, 85HP with 4500 hours or less, with a 50" rotary boom mower. One bid was received from Stephenson Equipment Inc., out of Butler, PA for a price of \$28,500.00 that includes the trade-in of the Township's 1987 Massey Ferguson Tractor with a Tiger Flail mower. A motion to approve the bid was made by Supervisor Geisel, duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said that a motion and second is needed to approve fund-raisers/activities for the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department. They are: August 5-Training; August 9- Directors and Membership Meeting; August 12- Training; August 19- Training; August 24- Chief's Meeting; August 26- Training. A motion to approve the aforementioned activities was made by Supervisor Geisel, 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 July. First viewed was the July report from the Police Department. The report showed that the men worked a total of 820 man-hours and traveled 5,488 miles. Under the Traffic category, it was reported that there were 9 accidents resulting in 1 injury. 9 traffic citation and 3 non-traffic citations were issued during July, and there were 102 additional traffic incidents. Under the Criminal category, it was reported that property stolen was in the amount of \$59.63; property recovered was \$59.63 and there was zero property damage. There were 68 criminal incidents, 464 items listed under Service and 43 under Police Information.

The fire report for July was then presented. There were 13 incidents including 3 calls providing mutual aid. 11 calls were for fire and 2 for EMS.

There were 7 zoning permits issued in July by the Zoning Administrator. They were issued as follows: Andrew Bell of 3 Redwood Drive for a privacy fence at an estimated market value of \$10,000.00; Evan Gruver of 41 Fredonia Road for a home addition and enclosed deck at an estimated market value of \$50,000.00; Brent Beckstein of 4 Hamilton Avenue for a new garage at an estimated market value of \$20,000.00; Donna Matey of 97 Gibson Road for a privacy fence at an estimated market value of \$34,680.00; Paul Neslanik of 159 Donation Road for a privacy fence at an estimated market value of \$7,720.00; Rodney Shipton of 282 Donation Road for a swimming pool at an estimated market value of \$10,000.00 and Thomas Cogswell of 526 Mercer Road for a garage at an estimated market value of \$30,000.00.

Last viewed was the report of major work performed by the Maintenance Crew. Trip to Flynn Tire in Hubbard, OH to pick up tires for HTPD Unit#1; Restocked the yard with various sizes of aggregates/stone; Cut roads for culvert pipe replacements; Repaired and cleaned asphalt saw; Working on front wheel hub assembly on John Deere Loader/Backhoe; Patched roads around township; Sprayed weeds along roads and curbing in developments in township; mowed and trimmed at park; Set up park for pavilion rentals; Set up flags for July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday; Removed flags at park from holiday; Trimmed trees along township roads; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Cut grass and trimmed at Township Building; Removed low hanging limbs along township roads; Washed mowers numerous times; Trimmed at park; Installed culvert along West Methodist Road; Worked on John Deere Backhoe; Worked on Township Road Deer Field Drive to remove grass/weeds in cracks across road; Patched along roads around township scheduled for seal coating; Worked on Pressure Washer; Cleaned berm along Frye Road; Worked on Bortz Alley; Put millings along road edge around mailboxes along roadways scheduled for seal coating; Took HTPD Unit#3 to McCandless Ford for repairs/service; Worked on Toro mower; Cleaned GMC Dump Truck Bed; Set up pavilions at park for weekend/weekday rentals; Cleaned debris off roads after storms; Trimmed brush back from Township Roads.

Chairman Hittle opened the miscellaneous portion of the meeting. There was no discussion.

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 seconded and Chairman Hittle unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

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.

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Todd P. Hittle, Township Secretary

**GENERAL FUND:**

Aqua Filter Fresh.....	\$ 74.95
Busy Beaver Building.....	\$ 23.05
BSFCU.....	\$ 115.99
Brownies Oil Company.....	\$ 1,986.07
Cadman Fire Extinguisher.....	\$ 186.50
Companion Life.....	\$ 365.44
David A. Geisel.....	\$ 68.80
Penn Power Company.....	\$ 202.58
Environmental Service Lab.....	\$ 76.69
National Fuel.....	\$ 20.38
Gary E Hittle.....	\$ 68.80
Greenville Water Co.....	\$ 88.66
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 1,246.84
Kelly Hittle.....	\$ 350.00
MCI.....	\$ 29.06
MEIT.....	\$ 2,381.66
John Prosek.....	\$ 1,365.00
Greenville Record-Argus.....	\$ 180.00
Reeves Information Tech.....	\$ 254.38
Roger R Shaffer, Jr.....	\$ 750.00
Tritech Software.....	\$ 1,967.70
Tri-County Industries.....	\$ 255.11
VBA.....	\$ 209.38
Steven R. Vosler.....	\$ 1,125.00
Wal-Mart.....	\$ 5.76
Witmer Associates.....	\$ 114.17

**STATE FUND:**

Penn Power Co.....	\$ 1,903.92
John Deere Financial.....	\$ 950.71

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP  
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**RESOLUTION NO. R10-2021**

WHEREAS the Hempfield Township Supervisors wish to purchase a replacement Utility Tractor model year 2006 or newer, with less than 4,500 hours of operation on the tractor. The tractor shall be diesel powered and come with a 50” rotary boom mower.

WHEREAS the purchase price for the new tractor shall not exceed \$35,000.00 and will include the trade of the Township’s current Utility Tractor with side mower.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by authority of the same, that an expenditure of not more than \$35,000.00 from the Township Capital Reserve Fund be approved for the purchase of new Utility Tractor with a rotary boom mower.

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**HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**