

October 5, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, October 5, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Hempfield Township Municipal Building.

All of the Supervisors were present. Township Resident Dick Stanley of 8 Fox Creek Drive and Caleb Stright of the *Record-Argus* were present.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting. There was no response.

Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion to dispense with, and approve, the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021. Supervisor Geisel made the motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried. Chairman Hittle said the minutes are a public document and may be viewed at the Township Building during regular business hours.

Next on the agenda, Chairman Hittle stated the Township would need to officially close Hempfield Township Municipal Park for the winter. In the past, the park has been closed on November 1st. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to officially close Hempfield Township Park on Monday, November 1st 2021. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said the Supervisors need to remind residents that Halloween Trick or Treat in the Township is Saturday, October 30th, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Hittle stated a new land lease has been prepared and properly advertised for agriculture/farming of 22 acres next to Hempfield Park at the corner of St. Glory Road and Fredonia Road. Secretary Hittle opened the one bid received from Andrew Hostetler of 455 Fredonia Road for \$120 per acre per year for a 5 year lease starting January 1, 2022. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to approve the lease as submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

The term of Mr. Timothy G. Moerke of 133 Fredonia Road on the Township Zoning Hearing Board has expired. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Moerke to a new 3 year term expiring October 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

The term of Mr. David Miller of 167 College Avenue on the Township Zoning Hearing Board has expired. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Miller to a new 3 year term expiring October 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said the Supervisors would like to remind Township residents that it is illegal to deposit leaves into their ditches along the roads without burning the leaves and removing any remaining debris. It is also illegal to push/rake leaves onto any public roads in the Township. In addition, a verbal permit for leaf burning must be obtained by contacting the Township building during regular weekday hours, or the Hempfield Police Department or Hempfield Township VFD during evening and weekend hours.

Chairman Hittle said the Supervisors need to approve participation by The Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department. Secretary Hittle read the activities report: October 7 – Training; October 11 – Directors and Membership Meetings; October 19- Training; October 19- County Fire Chiefs Meeting; October 21- Training; October 22- Fire Prevention at Greenville Elementary School; October 28- Save Our Own Class, Erie, PA; October 30-Trunk or Treat, Halloween Parade/Safety Patrol. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to approve Fire Department members to participate in the above mentioned activities. Supervisor Hittle seconded the motion, and it was 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 September. Chairman Hittle said that these documents may also be viewed by the public. First viewed was the September report from the Police Department. The report showed that the men worked a total of 740 man-hours and traveled 4,400 miles. There were 6 accidents reported with 2 injuries. 3 traffic citations were issued during September. Property stolen was reported at \$4350.14 with \$350.14 in property being recovered. No property damage was reported. 3 non-traffic citations issued. There were 79 criminal incidents, 470 service, 37 police information, and 106 additional traffic incidents.

The September report from the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department was then viewed. There were 11 incidents in the district. 10 Fire; 1 EMS. Aid Given 5 times and Aid Received 1 time.

There were no zoning permits issued in September by the Zoning Administrator.

Last viewed was the report of major work performed by the Maintenance Crew. Mowed berms along Township Roads; Replaced driveway culvert at Church on Hamburg Road; Cleaned downed tree top at the end of Saul/South Park Blvd.; Repaired collapsed sewer main near Thiel College; Mowed locals and at the Park; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Set up Park for rentals; Put up State Flags for Labor Day Weekend; Weed eat at Park; Cut brush along Township Roads with Boom Mower; Worked on converting Tiger Ditcher Head to new Boom Mower Arm; Working with Robinson Pipe on Sewer Maintenance Project; Picked up parts needed for sewer main repair at Thiel College; Cleaned Pump House at Park; Mowed berms along Township Roads; Cleaned ditches and catch basins around Township; Repaired Barn Door at Township Building; Set up Park for rentals; Serviced HTPD Unit#3; Finished HTMA 2021 Maintenance Project

with Robinson Pipe; Measured manholes needed for risers after uncovered during Maintenance Project; Put locator stakes up at manholes along West Craig Street; Clean Up Day 2021; Washed HTPD vehicles; Trail vehicle while boom mowing along Hamburg Road; Cleaned debris off Township Roads after storms; Fixed drain at Hempfield Park.

Chairman Hittle opened the miscellaneous portion of the meeting. There were no comments.

There being no further business or public comment, Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion 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, duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Supervisor Todd Hittle made a motion for adjournment. It 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:

Aqua Filter Fresh	\$ 35.20
Busy Beaver.....	\$ 5.69
Brownie’s Oil.....	\$ 715.02
BSFCU.....	\$ 20.44
BSFCU.....	\$ 113.49
Cintas.....	\$ 94.48
Companion Life.....	\$ 365.44
David A. Geisel	\$ 68.80
Davevic Benefits.....	\$ 3,000.00
Wallace & Dibble.....	\$ 500.00
Penn Power.....	\$ 354.29
National Fuel.....	\$ 52.50
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$ 68.80
Greenville Water Authority.....	\$ 88.66
H.A. Thomson.....	\$ 587.00
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 558.30
HTMA.....	\$ 129.78
Hempfield Township VFD.....	\$ 17,765.25
John Hancock (USA).....	\$ 31,763.00
John Hancock (USA).....	\$ 91,570.00
Kelly Hittle.....	\$ 350.00
Pitney Bowes.....	\$ 77.37
John Prosek.....	\$ 485.00
Reeves Information Tech.....	\$ 145.00
Greenville Record Argus.....	\$ 48.70

Roger R. Shaffer.....	\$ 750.00
Rolling Ridge Metals.....	\$ 27.96
Tri Tech Software.....	\$ 269.99
Tri-County Industries.....	\$ 143.11
Steven R. Vosler.....	\$ 225.00
Verizon Wireless.....	\$ 243.21
Wal-Mart.....	\$ 48.09

STATE FUND:

Penn Power Co.....	\$ 1,993.63
Mission Pest Management.....	\$ 885.00
Stephenson Equipment, Inc.....	\$ 40.54