

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, May 3rd, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building.

All of the Supervisors were present. Also present was Dick Stanley of Fox Creek Drive and Caleb Stright of the *Record-Argus*.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the Regular Meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the meeting for Public Comment. 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 April 5th, 2022. Supervisor Geisel made the motion and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Todd Hittle. The motion was 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.

Chairman Hittle had the Township Secretary read the bids received for this summer's road maintenance/seal coating work. The low bid received was from Martuccio Paving at \$1.148 per square yard for the North Group Seal Coating Bid through the Mercer County Seal Coating Group. Supervisor Geisel made a motion and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle that the Martuccio Paving bid of \$ 1.148 be accepted for this summer's road maintenance project. The motion was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-2 has been prepared and properly advertised for adopting a Disorderly House Ordinance for the Township. Secretary Hittle read Ordinance 2022-2 in full. Chairman Hittle asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 2022-2 as read and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle. The motion was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Secretary Hittle polled the board: Chairman Hittle-Yes; Vice-Chairman Geisel-Yes; Supervisor Hittle-Yes. Motion carried and Ordinance 2022-2 is adopted.

Chairman Hittle also noted that the Township offices will be closed on Tuesday, May 17th for the Primary Election and Monday, May 30th for the Memorial Day holiday.

Next on the agenda, Chairman Hittle asked the Secretary to read the Activity Report for the month of May for the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department. The activities are as follows: Training on May 5th; Membership/Directors meeting on May 9th; Training on May 12th; Mercer County Chiefs Meeting on May 17th; Training on May 19th and Training on May 26th. Supervisor Geisel made a motion and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle to approve the activities as presented. The motion 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 April. First viewed was the police report. The men worked 695 man hours and traveled 4,979 miles. They issued 6 traffic citations, 3 non-traffic citations were issued. There were 7 accidents with 2 injuries. There were 55 criminal incidents, 28 police information, 92 traffic, and 384 service incidents. There was \$3,422.43 in property stolen and \$282.45 recovered. No property was reported damaged.

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Next viewed were 5 zoning permit issued by the Zoning Administrator for the month of April. They were issued to: Robert Milroy of 197 Wasser Road for a storage shed at an estimated market value of \$10,000; Michael and Kelly Torres of 302 Quatermile Road for a home addition at an estimated market value of \$46,200; Nicholas Forcier of 298 8th Avenue for a Swimming Pool/Deck at an estimated market value of \$6500; Christine Zawistowski of 357 St. Glory Road for a Storage Shed at an estimated market value of \$10,000; Jim and Kris Staynoff of 339 Mercer Road for a fence at an estimated market value of \$4,100; Bryan Applequist of 143 West Methodist Road for a storage building at an estimated market value of \$30,000; David Stoyer of 39 Donation Road for a roof mounted solar panel at an estimated market value of \$26,392 and Emily Blose of 35 Donation Road for a fence at an estimated market value of \$700.

The maintenance report was next: Cleaned and swept Hamburg Road near sawmill; Located inlet to culvert pipe along Hempfield Avenue; Sweeping rural Township Roads of winter maintenance materials; Tires and inspection of HTPD#3; Service and inspection of HTPD#1; Washed GMC Dump; Cleaned John Deere Backhoe/Loader; Working on turning on water at Hempfield Park; Put up new signs at Hempfield Park; Put up new street signs at Hempfield Park; Rebuilding picnic tables at Park; Picked up lumber for picnic table repairs; Cleaned shop at Township Building; Picked up trash along Township Roads; Painting picnic tables at park; Washed HTPD vehicles; Street Sweeping in developments and local Township Roads; Installed culvert pipe along Sherrard Ave; Installed tie rod arm, right rear on HTPD#3; Adjust set screws on top roller on Street Sweeper; Removed/stored salt hopper; Serviced weed eaters for summer maintenance; Put snow plows next door for summer storage; Swept parking lots and roads at Park; Walked Park for tree inspection and took down damaged trees and limbs; Fixed railroad crossing sign on Gibson Road; Put in top soil and seeded areas at Thiel College from repairs to main sewer line in two locations; Set up tables at Park; Washed HTPD vehicles; Cleaned spreaders for summer storage; Cleaned and set up grills at Park.

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. Supervisor Geisel made the motion. Supervisor Hittle duly seconded the motion and it 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.

Todd P. Hittle, Township Secretary

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 2022-2

**AN ORDINANCE OF HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE
PROHIBITION OF DISORDERLY HOUSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE**

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Hempfield Township, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS-

- a. **DISORDERLY HOUSE OR PROPERTY-** Any house, place of business, apartment, residential property, vacant lot or any commercial property of any kind, including rental properties, where people gather and/or live or where the owner, lessor, lessee, occupant, guest, patron or person in charge, permits or encourages a unclean, unsafe, unsanitary condition, boisterous conduct, fighting, lewd, obscene behavior, illegal use of drugs, the consumption of alcoholic beverages resulting in intoxication or drunkenness or illegal consumption, all of which, for no legitimate purpose, causes a disturbance to the public peace or decorum, unreasonable noise, creates hazardous or unsafe conditions either inside the house or on the property or outside the house or on the property, or a nuisance of the peace, or promotes disorder to the public and the citizens of the neighborhood.
- b. **KEEPER OF A DISORDERLY HOUSE OF PROPERTY-** Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity, who is the owner, lessor, lessee, occupant, guest or any other person who is legally in charge or in possession of any such Disorderly House or Property, at the time any of the acts set forth in (a) above occur that results in a disorderly house or property as defined herein.
- c. **LEWD-** Offensive to the accepted standards of decency which is offensive or repulsive to senses, lacking self-discipline or sexual restraint.
- d. **OBSCENE-** Sexual acts or conduct such as sexual acts, perverted, actual or simulated, and lewd exhibitions of genitals.
- e. **PERSON-** An individual, partnership, LLC, Corporation or any other legal entity.

SECTION 2. MAINTENANCE OF DISORDERLY HOUSE OR PROPERTY PROHIBITED- No person shall permit, keep, maintain or engage in any act that causes any house or property to be used as or become a disorderly house or property as defined herein.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT- It shall be the duty of the police officers and the department of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania to suppress and to close and keep closed any disorderly house or property and to arrest all persons found therein. If the Keeper of the House or Property, or any other person within such disorderly house or property refuses to permit the officer to enter the same, the officer

may enter the house with a properly obtained warrant or other legal and lawful means, and to arrest, by issuance of citations or otherwise, all persons found therein. In addition, thereto, any person who is not present at the time of entry but is a Keeper of the House or Property including any lessor, lessee, owner or occupant, may also be cited and subject to the penalties as provided for herein.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES- Any person as defined herein, who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction or plea of guilty, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300.00 plus costs and/or to undergo imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days per offense. Every day that a violation of this Ordinance occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. SERVABILITY- If any sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, on this the 3rd day May, 2022.

ATTEST:

Township Secretary

Hempfield Township
Board of Supervisors

GENERAL FUND:

Busy Beaver.....	\$ 277.98
Boyd's Lawn & Garden.....	\$ 47.64
BSFCU.....	\$ 18.00
Companion Life.....	\$ 378.70
David A. Geisel.....	\$ 68.00
Penn Power Co.....	\$ 220.75
National Fuel.....	\$ 187.80
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$ 68.00
Greenville Water Co.....	\$ 142.75
HVFD.....	\$ 100.00
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 504.80
Kelly Hittle.....	\$ 160.00
Mary Lentz.....	\$ 120.00
John Prosek.....	\$ 2020.00
Record-Argus.....	\$ 95.85
Roger R. Shaffer.....	\$ 750.00
Tri-County Ind.....	\$ 155.99
Tritech Software.....	\$ 2066.09
Steve Vosler.....	\$ 1275.00
Verizon Wireless.....	\$ 301.74
Wal-Mart Community.....	\$ 51.72
Brownies Oil.....	\$ 1019.91

STATE FUND:

Penn Power.....	\$ 1960.89
U.S. Municipal.....	\$ 143.30
Stephenson Equipment Inc.....	\$ 1460.64