

October 4, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, October 4, 2022, 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 6, 2022. 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 Tuesday, November 1st 2022. 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 29th, 2022 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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 6 – Training; October 10 – Directors and Membership Meetings; October 13- Training; October 14- Fire Prevention at Greenville Elementary School; October 15- Fire Safety at Bethel Life Church; October 14th/15th – Boot Drive Fundraiser; October 18- County Fire Chief’s meeting; October 19th- Fire Safety Class at Bethel Life Church; October 20th/27th – Training; October 29th -Trunk or Treat, Halloween Parade. 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.

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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 758 man-hours and traveled 4,822 miles. There were 8 accidents reported with 2 injuries. 8 traffic citations were issued during September. Property stolen was reported at \$692.68 with \$189.69 in property being recovered. No property damage was reported. There were 55 criminal incidents, 365 service, 19 police information, and 50 additional traffic incidents.

The September report from the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department was then viewed. There were 21 incidents in the district with 1 structure fire in Sugar Grove Township.

There were 5 zoning permits issued in September by the Zoning Administrator. They were issued to Jason and Julie Porter of 49 Gruber Road for a Storage Shed at an estimated market value of \$500.00; Dave and Dawn Walsh of 5 Meadow Lane for a Deck/Porch at an estimated market value of \$14,000.00; Gary and Danielle Dickson of 194 Wasser Road for a new home at an estimated market value of \$270,000.00; Joe Wilson of 116 8th Avenue for a fence at an estimated market value of \$7000.00 and David F. and Kristin E. Fisher of 12 Fox Creek Drive for a new home at an estimated market value of \$240,000.00.

Last viewed was the report of major work performed by the Maintenance Crew. Mowed berms along Township Roads and at intersections of Township/State Roads; Picked up new HTPD vehicle at MCOG Garage after upfit work was completed; Set up park for pavilion rentals; Stacked dirt in back lot; Painted RR crossing warnings on Township Roads; Met with resident on Sherrard Ave. for placement of resident owned ditch pipes; Took 10 ton dump truck to Seigworth Road Supply in Knox, PA for replacement of main lift cylinder; Mowed at park and around township; Set up flags at park for Labor Day; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Picked up trash at park; Cut up downed tree and limbs at park; Trimmed intersections at Township intersections; Took down flags at park; Berm mowing along township roads; Replaced driveway pipe on Redwood Drive; Power broomed/swept Wasser Road; Exposed end of pipe on Sherrard Avenue for resident installed ditch piping; Cut up downed tree on Hamburg Road; Filled sink hole on Hamburg Road; Cleaned off catch basins in Country Estates; Cleaned Chevy pick-up; Cleaned chainsaws; Cleaned RR crossing templates; Installed rear corner marker on Ford Dump; Cut up downed tree at Bigler Cemetery; Working on trucks for winter maintenance; Mowed grass at Township Building numerous times; Cleaned shop at Township Building.

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:

Brownie’s Oil.....	\$ 1,121.30
BSFCU.....	\$ 601.48
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Cadman Fire Extinguisher.....	\$ 34.25
Companion Life.....	\$ 378.70
David A. Geisel	\$ 68.00
Davevic Benefits.....	\$ 4,000.00
Wallace & Dibble.....	\$ 500.00
Penn Power.....	\$ 207.52
National Fuel.....	\$ 81.36
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$ 68.00
Greenville Water Authority.....	\$ 96.95
H.A. Thomson.....	\$ 587.00
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 217.27
HTMA.....	\$ 146.04
Hempfield Township VFD.....	\$ 21,587.39
John Hancock (USA).....	\$ 42,399.00
John Hancock (USA).....	\$ 37,371.00
Kelly Hittle.	\$ 200.00
Kathy’s Kreations.....	\$ 24.00
Marathon Energy.....	\$ 17.77
MCOG.....	\$ 3,250.00
MCRPC.....	\$ 658.07
Mary Lentz.....	\$ 150.00
Pitney Bowes.....	\$ 77.37
John Prosek.....	\$ 535.00
Patrick T. Kelley.....	\$ 950.00
Roger R. Shaffer.....	\$ 750.00
Tri Tech Software.....	\$ 283.49
Tri-County Industries.....	\$ 171.59
Steven R. Vosler.....	\$ 1,125.00
Verizon Wireless.....	\$ 298.10
Wal-Mart.....	\$ 16.31

STATE FUND:

Penn Power Co.....	\$ 1,803.98
U.S. Municipal.....	\$ 39.95