

December 6, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, December 6, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Hempfield Township Municipal Building.

Chairman Gary Hittle, Vice-Chair Dave Geisel and Supervisor Todd Hittle were present. Also in attendance was Richard Stanley of 8 Fox Creek Drive; Ann Coleman of 2165 Pierce Bluffs, Hermitage, PA; Dale Deist of 106 Woodshire Road and Bill Fagley of 114 Woodshire Road.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Hittle entertained a motion to approve of and dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2022/ Supervisor Geisel made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Supervisor Hittle. Chairman Hittle unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said a motion and a second is needed to appoint Mr. John Libonati of 666 Fredonia Road, Greenville, PA as the Hempfield Township Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), replacing Mr. Thomas Strahler. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to appoint Mr. Libonati as the Township EMC and it was seconded by Supervisor Hittle. Chairman Hittle unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution R16-2022 has been prepared supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semi Quincentennial. Chairman Hittle asked the secretary to read Resolution R16-2022 and he did so. Motion by Supervisor Geisel to adopt Resolution R16-2022 as presented and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle. Chairman Hittle unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. Ann Coleman of 2165 Pierce Bluffs, Hermitage, PA has been appointed as the Commission Representative for Mercer County and told the board Pennsylvania was the first state to sign up to support the program. She will be highlighting county businesses and residents from various communities throughout the county that played a role in the development of our County.

Resolution R17-2022 has been prepared to implement PA Act 57 of 2022. Chairman Hittle asked the secretary to read R17-2022 in full and he did so. Secretary Hittle explained the purpose of Act 57 of 2022 as it relates to Property Tax Collections. After discussion, Supervisor Geisel made a motion to approve R17-2022 as presented and it was seconded by Supervisor Hittle. Chairman Hittle unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said the Supervisors have reviewed the annual budget for 2023 and noted that it is the same preliminary budget as presented at the November 1st Meeting. Chairman Hittle asked the secretary to read Resolution R18-2022 setting forth the official Annual Budget for 2023. Following the reading, Supervisor Geisel made a motion to

adopt Resolution No. R18-2023 without change and it was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle noted that the Township Business office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year's holidays on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th as well as Monday, January 2nd, 2023.

The next order of business is to officially levy the tax rate for 2023, said Chairman Hittle, and a Resolution has been prepared fixing this tax rate. Secretary Hittle read in full Resolution No. R19 -2022 fixing the tax rate for the year 2023 at 9.17 mills. After the reading, Chairman Hittle asked if there were any questions or comments. There was no response. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R19-2022 without change. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle noted that official authorization should be given to the Secretary to complete Form MS-965 and Form MS-965S, which are the Actual Use Report of State Funds for 2022 and the Municipal Planned Use Report for 2023. These forms are to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, making any necessary adjustments after receiving the year-end interest earnings report. Supervisor Geisel made a motion authorizing the Secretary to complete Forms MS-965 and MS-965S making any Necessary adjustments. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

The next order of business is to approve the activities for December for the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department. The activities are as follows: Training on December 8th; HVFD Christmas Party on the 10th; Directors and Membership Meeting on the 12th; Training on the 15th and the County Fire Chief's Meeting on the 20th. A motion from Supervisor Geisel to approve the activities as presented was 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 November. The police report for the month of November was first presented. The men worked 726 man-hours and traveled 4,591 miles. They issued 12 traffic citations, and 4 non-traffic citations. There were 10 accidents with 3 injuries. There were 57 criminal-related incidents, 375 service incidents, 25 police information, and 50 additional traffic related incidents. Property stolen was in the amount of \$414.13 with all property recovered. There were no reports of property damaged.

The maintenance report was then reviewed. Ran an electric line for the new Salt Dome; Removed leaves from roads in Country Estates; Back filled, painted and waterproofed the block foundation of the new Salt Dome; Removed leaves from ditches around the Township; Closed Hempfield Park for the winter; Washed the Chevy Pick Up; Put road salt spreaders on the plow trucks; Mulched leaves at the park; Repaired and patched the back parking lot at the Fire Department; Worked on drainage around the new Salt Dome; Took down toys in the playground at the park; Mowed grass at Bigler

Cemetery; Cleaned ditches along Gibson Road; Ditching along various Township Roads; Removed broom and installed ditcher head on Massey-Ferguson Tractor; Took GMC Bucket Truck for inspection; Took Bucket Truck to Eastwood Drive to assist neighbors in lighting/decorating of Christmas Tree in Cul-De-Sac; Cleaned back lot; Built hatch box for new HTPD vehicle; Hauled leaves from back lot to leaf pile at park; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Picked up trash along Township Roads; Cleaned trucks and shop.

Last report for review was the Hempfield Volunteer Fire Department incidents. There were 7 total incidents with 1 EMS and 6 Fire reported. Mutual aid was given 1 time.

Chairman Hittle opened the Miscellaneous portion of the meeting. Bill Fagley of 114 Woodshire Road complimented the work the road crew did to remove leaves from streets in Country Estates. Dale Deist of 106 Woodshire Road wished the Board of Supervisors and Township residents a Happy Holiday.

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 and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle. Chairman Hittle unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Hittle declared the Meeting adjourned.

Todd P. Hittle, Township Secretary

GENERAL FUND:

Aqua Filter Fresh.....	\$ 46.90
Busy Beaver.....	\$ 364.77
Brownies Oil Co.....	\$ 836.64
BSFCU.....	\$ 24.99
Companion Life.....	\$ 378.70
Cintas.....	\$ 113.59
David A Geisel.....	\$ 68.00
Wallace & Dibble.....	\$ 500.00
Penn Power Co.....	\$ 285.66
National Fuel.....	\$ 100.75
Greenville Comfort Systems.....	\$ 95.00
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$ 68.00
Greenville Water Co.....	\$ 96.95
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 525.23
Kelly Hittle.....	\$ 200.00
Marathon Energy.....	\$ 12.44
Mary Lentz.....	\$ 150.00

PA Township Health Insurance Coop.....	\$ 200.16
Greenville Record-Argus.....	\$ 30.30
Richard G. Stanley.....	\$ 300.00
Roger R. Shaffer, Jr.....	\$ 750.00
Tri-County Industries.....	\$ 178.45
Tractor Supply Co.....	\$ 35.97
Verizon Wireless.....	\$ 297.96
Steven R. Vosler.....	\$ 2,025.00
Wagner Wheel Alinement.....	\$ 23.58
Wal-Mart.....	\$ 53.45
Witmer Associates.....	\$ 2,301.05
William Eddy.....	\$ 179.99
Youngs Martial Arts.....	\$ 400.00
 <u>STATE FUND:</u>	
Penn Power.....	\$ 1,890.56
Lakeland Aggregates.....	\$ 1,376.93
WRA.....	\$ 2,362.50
Watson's Inc.....	\$ 313.53

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION R16-2022
SUPPORTING THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION
FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor Wolf created the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026 and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, America250PA hopes to engage all citizens of the Commonwealth, bring the Commonwealth's history into the conversation so Pennsylvanians can better understand the origins and multiple perspectives of issues facing our Commonwealth and nation today, and use history to encourage and inspire future leaders, celebrate the contributions of Pennsylvanians to not only the Commonwealth's history, but also to our Nation's history.

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WHEREAS, America250PA wishes to leave a lasting impact on the next generation of Pennsylvanians and to spark an interest which will ignite the drive for them to appreciate all of the triumphs, trials and tribulations which contributed to the Commonwealth for which they are now writing their own history; and

WHEREAS, America250PA will have numerous officially recognized programs, projects, and events over the next four years to inspire future leaders and celebrate all Pennsylvanians' contributions to the United States over the past 250 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Board of Supervisors of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, hereby endorses America250PA and its mission to Educate, Preserve, Innovate and Celebrate the rich history and diversity of the state; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the township's state senator and state representative.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION R17-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP,
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO IMPLEMENT ACT 57 OF 2022

WHEREAS, Act 57 of 2022, amending the Local Tax Collection Law, was signed by Governor Wolf on July 11, 2022, and takes effect on October 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Act 57 requires taxing districts that impose taxes on the assessed value of real property to adopt a resolution or ordinance within 90 days of the effective date of the act, or not later than January 9, 2023, directing the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector of Hempfield Township comply with the provisions of Act 57 and this resolution for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them within this resolution unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Additional charge: Any interest, fee, penalty, or charge accruing to and in excess of the face amount of the real estate tax as provided in the real estate tax notice.

Qualifying event:

1. For the purposes of real property, the date of transfer of ownership.
2. For manufactured or mobile homes, the date of transfer of ownership or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a manufactured or mobile home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the manufactured or mobile home. The term does not include the renewal of a lease for the same location.

Tax Collector: The elected tax collector for Hempfield Township, Mercer County, any authorized or designated delinquent tax collector, the Mercer County Tax Claim Bureau, or any alternative collector of taxes as provided for in the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the “Real Estate Tax Sale Law,” an employee, agent or assignee authorized to collect the tax, a purchaser of claim for the tax or any other person authorized by law or contract to secure collection of, or take any action at law or in equity against the person or property of the taxpayer for the real estate tax or amounts, liens or claims derived from the real estate tax.

WAIVER

The Tax Collector shall, for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2023, grant a request to waive additional charges for real estate taxes if the taxpayer does all of the following:

- A. Provides a waiver request of additional charges, on a form provided by the state Department of Community and Economic Development, to the Tax Collector in possession of the claim within twelve (12) months of a qualifying event;
- B. Attests that a tax notice was not received; and
- C. Provides the Tax Collector in possession of the claim with one of the following:
 1. A copy of the deed showing the date of real property transfer; or
 2. A copy of the title following the acquisition of a mobile or manufactured home subject to taxation as real estate showing the date of issuance or a copy of an executed lease agreement between the owner of a mobile or manufactured home and the owner of a parcel of land on which the mobile or manufactured home will be situated showing the date the lease commences; and
- D. Pays the face value amount of the tax notice for the real estate tax with the waiver request.

ADOPTED by Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors this 6th day of the month of December, 2022.

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. R18-2022

A RESOLUTION of the Township of Hempfield in the County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Hempfield, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Section 1. That for the expenditures and expenses of the fiscal year 2023, the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the year 2023 for the specific purposes set forth on the following pages.

Section 2. That any Resolution conflicting with this Resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Resolution.

Adopted this 6th day of December, A.D. (year) 2022.

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

TOWNSHIP OF THE SECOND CLASS
TAX LEVY RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. R19-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE Township of Hempfield, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Hempfield, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property and Occupations within the Township subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2023 as follows:

Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of00917 mills
 on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of0917 cents
 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

	Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation	Cents on Each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation
Tax Rate for General Purposes	<u>.00917 Mills</u>	<u>.0917 Cents</u>
TOTAL	<u>.00917 Mills</u>	<u>.0917 Cents</u>

That any resolution, or part of resolution, conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution.

Adopted the 6th day of December, A.D. 2022.