

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday evening, January 3, 2023, immediately following the Annual Organization Meeting in the Hempfield Township Municipal Building.

Supervisors Gary E. Hittle, David A. Geisel, and Todd P. Hittle were present along with Caleb Stright of the Record-Argus Newspaper.

Chairman Hittle called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Hittle said Resolution R7-2023 has been prepared to approve and authorize certain members of the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department to participate in support activities for 2023. Secretary Hittle read Resolution R7-2023 in full and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Motion by Chairman Hittle to approve R7-2023 as presented was seconded by Supervisor Hittle. Supervisor Geisel unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle entertained a motion to dispense with the reading and approve of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2022. Supervisor Geisel made the motion, and it was seconded by Supervisor Hittle. Motion carried. Chairman Hittle said the minutes are a public document and may be viewed during regular business hours at the Township Building, and noted that they are also on-line.

Chairman Hittle said that a motion should be enacted that, during 2023, the Supervisors and the Township Secretary be authorized to make any necessary expenditures over and above regular operating expenditures, not to exceed \$500.00 per month, with the exception of an emergency, in which case, this amount can be exceeded. Supervisor Geisel made a motion that the Supervisors and the Township Secretary be authorized to make any necessary expenditures over and above regular operating expenditures, not to exceed \$500.00 per month, with the exception of an emergency, in which case the amount can be exceeded. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

A request from Property Tax Collector Robert Ohr has been received to appoint Rhonda E. Shadt; Kim Ohr and Gary E. Hittle to serve as Deputy Tax Collectors for the Hempfield Township Tax Collector on an as needed basis. A motion by Supervisor Geisel to approve the request was made and it was seconded by Supervisor Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said the Supervisors need to approve the activities submitted by the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department. No activities were presented to the Board of Supervisors by the Fire Chief for approval.

January 3, 2023 (continued)

Next on the Agenda is the viewing of reports of the various Township Departments for the month of December, 2022. First reviewed was the Police Report. There were 724 man-hours worked and 4,299 miles traveled. There were 5 traffic citations issued. Property stolen was in the amount of \$60.00 with \$0.00 in property recovered. Property damaged was \$0.00. Criminal incidents totaled 51, service totaled 376, police information totaled 27, and traffic incidents totaled 55.

No activities report from the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department was received.

There were 3 zoning permits issued for the month of December, 2022. They were issued to Tracel and Joanne Pickens of 7 Hamilton Avenue for a 3-season room at an estimated market value of \$55,000.00; Omega Lumber of 71 Hamburg Road for a storage building at an estimated market value of \$38,000.00 and Pam Jefferies of 236 Fredonia Road for a dog fence at an estimated market value of \$5,000.00.

Last viewed was the report of major work performed by the Maintenance Crew. The crew cleaned ditches along Township Roads; Put up 4 way stop due to power outage at Hadley Road and Williamson Road traffic signal; Replaced speed limit sign and post on West Methodist Road; Put up snow stakes along Township Roads; Marked for new culvert pipes on Wasser Road; Washed and degreased Massey Ferguson Tractor; Power washed John Deere Backhoe; Investigated water issue on Imperial Drive and then dug a ditch on Imperial Drive; Cleaned catch basins along Township Roads; Picked up stone for cross pipe installations along Township Roads/Yard Stock; Picked up garbage along Township Roads; Worked on 99 International Truck installing turning signal switch; Cleaned shop; Fixed gas pump; Jetted sewer line on Mercer Road, jetted sewer line on Hadley Road twice due to grease in line; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Took HTPD unit#3 for new tires at Flynn's Tire.

Annual Reports from Township Departments were next on the Agenda. The report from the Hempfield Township Police Department was presented. The report showed that the men worked a total of 9,145 man-hours in the Township and traveled 57,000 miles. Under the Traffic Category, it was reported that there were 91 accidents, resulting in 20 injuries and total traffic related incidents were 225. 24 non-traffic citations were issued. Under the Criminal Category, it was reported that property was stolen in the amount of \$81,886.08 with \$55,442.13 recovered, and no property damage was reported. There were 4,776 related criminal incidents reported, there were 1,462 items listed under the Service Category, and 285 items listed as Police Information.

No annual reports were presented to the Board of Supervisors for Fire Protection or Zoning for 2022.

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

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

GENERAL FUND:

AmTrust North America.....	18,388.00
PIRMA.....	32,379.00
Busy Beaver.....	100.52
Brownies Oil.....	723.95
David Geisel.....	65.00
Greenville Chamber of Commerce.....	100.00
Gary E. Hittle.....	65.00
Hittle Auto Supply.....	644.26
HTMA.....	146.04
Kelly Hittle.....	160.00
MCI.....	30.40
MCATO.....	90.00
MEIT.....	1,175.48
Mary Lentz.....	120.00
Record-Argus.....	47.55
Roger R Shaffer, Jr.....	750.00
S & D Calibration Service.....	112.00
Tri-County Industries.....	178.45
Steven Vosler.....	450.00
Wal-Mart.....	107.62
Verizon Wireless.....	297.58
Companion Life.....	378.70
Pitney Bowes.....	77.37
National Fuel Gas.....	306.67
GWA.....	96.95
Penn Power.....	325.50

STATE FUND:

Penn Power.....	1,890.56
Zacherl Motor Truck Sales, Inc.....	260.07
Stephenson Equipment, Inc.....	599.81
Five Star Equipment, Inc.....	51.73
White Rock Silica Sand Co., Inc.....	575.37
WRA Engineers.....	2,491.81

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. R7-2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, THE HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MERCER COUNTY, PA, HEREBY approves and authorizes Participating Members of the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, to participate in the following Operational Support activities as designated in the Pennsylvania Workers Compensation Act as modified by Act 108 of 2020:

Operational Support Activities

1. Maintaining the Station and Equipment
2. Acting as a Trustee
3. Organizing Fundraisers
4. Providing Information Technology Support
5. Assisting with Recruitment and other Administrative Tasks

AND, FURTHER RESOLVED, that Participating Members of the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department may engage in the forgoing approved operational support activities; and further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with this authorization and Act 108 of 2020 these activities of the Participating Members of the Fire Department are approved for the policy term 1/1/2023 to 1/1/2024.