

April 4th, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building.

All of the Supervisors were present. Also present was Richard G. Stanley of 8 Fox Creek Drive and Greg Buchanan Of 370 Wasser Bridge Road.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the Regular Meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the meeting for Public Comment. Mr. Buchanan asked about the property located at the southwest corner of Wasser Bridge Road and Hamburg Road. The owner completed a zoning permit to run an agricultural related business and it was denied by the Zoning Officer. The owner has 30 days to appeal and the appeal process was explained to Mr. Buchanan. He stated the owner continues to dump materials on the property and the Board reiterated to Mr. Buchanan that the owner has the right to dump fill on the property to level the site.

Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion to approve of and dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7th, 2023. Supervisor Geisel made that motion, Supervisor Todd Hittle duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Chairman Gary Hittle. Motion carried. Chairman Hittle noted that the minutes are a public document and may be viewed at the Township Building during regular business hours.

Chairman Hittle said that the Annual Clean Up Day for Hempfield Township residents will be Saturday, May 6th from 7am to Noon at the Township Building. This event is for Hempfield Township Residents only and for more information you can contact the Township Building at 724-588-5032.

Chairman Hittle noted that the official opening of the Hempfield Township Municipal Park for 2023 will be on Monday, May 1st.

Resolution R12-2023 has been prepared to adopt the 2023 mercer County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan for Hempfield Township. The secretary read R12-2023 in full and Chairman Hittle asked if there were any questions, there were none. Motion to approve R12-2023 by Supervisor Geisel, seconded by Supervisor Hittle and unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Next, Chairman Hittle said a motion is needed for permission for the Township Secretary to hire up to three (3) students for summer employment at the Township Park and helping the maintenance crew. Supervisor Geisel made the motion that the Secretary be permitted to hire up to three (3) students for summer employment. Supervisor Hittle duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said the Supervisors remind all Township residents that every resident who had earned income from any source during the calendar year of 2022 must file a Township wage tax return with Berkheimer Tax Administrators on or before April 15th, 2023. This return is required even though, in most instances, the wage tax has been withheld by the employer. This return is required regardless of age, amount of earnings, or place of employment. Information can be obtained from the local Berkheimer Office in Hermitage, PA or on the Berkheimer website. Those who have or will ask the IRS for an

extension are also required to notify Berkheimer.

Next, Chairman Hittle said a motion and a second are needed to approve the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department Activities for the month. They are as follows: April 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Training; April 10th -Membership/Directors Meeting; April 18th -County Chiefs Meeting. Supervisor Hittle made a motion to approve the activities as presented. Supervisor Geisel duly 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 March. The police report was first presented. The men worked 830-man hours and traveled 5,656 miles. They issued 4 traffic citations. There were 7 accidents with 1 injury. There were 63 criminal-related incidents, 444 service incidents, 27 police information, and 72 additional traffic related incidents. Property stolen was in the amount of \$53.00. No property damage was reported.

There were 4 zoning permits issued by the Zoning Administrator for the month of March. They were issued to: Nathan Slocum and Tiffany Goehring of 27 Frye Road for a storage building at an estimated market value of \$20,000.00; Patsy Shavcuk of 220 West Methodist Road for a single family residence at an estimated market value of \$300,000.00; Shadow Lane Properties Inc. of 32 Conneaut Lake Road for a new sign at an estimated market value of \$7200.00 and Wayne Huffman of 5 South Park Blvd. for a home based business permit.

The maintenance report was next. Picked up trash along township roads; Patched potholes on township roads; Cleaned ditches and open driveway and cross pipes on township roads; Took HTPD unit#3 to McCandless Ford for repairs; Trip to Lane Enterprises in Pulaski, PA to pick up culvert/cross pipes; Serviced 2010 John Deere Loader; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Picked up garbage around township property; Worked with Sewer Specialty Services on maintenance project; Worked with contractor building a home on Fox Creek Drive on sewer tap, driveway and property drainage; Worked on snow plow on Ford Dump Truck; Took HTPD Unit#3 to McCandless Ford for recall on transfer case and transmission fluid/filter service; Unplugged sewer main backup on Mercer Road; Trip to Stephenson Equipment to discuss upfit of new 2022 Ford F550 Dump Truck; Flagged for Sewer Specialty Services while they jetted and removed root ball causing back up on Mercer Road; Checked ditches along St. Glory Road; Cleaned downed trees from weekend storms on township roads numerous times; Cleaned out bed and auger on 99 Ford Dump Truck; Cleaned Chevy truck; Replaced pins on 2010 John Deere loader/backhoe; Took 99 International Dump Truck to Flynn Commercial Tire for new rims; Cleaned and painted back rims on 99 International Dump; Took HTPD unit#1 to McCandless Ford for recall on rear axle bolts; Emptied garbage cans at Hempfield Park from winter walkers; Cleaned outhouses at park; Cleaned parking lot at Township Building from winter maintenance materials/anti-skid; Fixed traffic signal guy wire on Williamson Road.

Chairman Hittle asked for 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 Hittle made the motion, Supervisor Geisel 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:

1866 Auto.....	\$	51.89
Aqua Filter Fresh.....	\$	40.30
Busy Beaver.....	\$	43.68
BSFCU.....	\$	198.73
Brownies Oil.....	\$	828.73
Companion Life Insurance.....	\$	378.70
David A. Geisel.....	\$	61.20
Davevic Benefits.....	\$	2,500.00
Penn Power.....	\$	655.61
National Fuel.....	\$	285.17
Gary E Hittle.....	\$	61.20
Glen Miller.....	\$	75.00
Greenville Water Co.....	\$	174.09
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$	1,017.21
HTMA.....	\$	161.96
Bunzel Distribution/Joshen Paper.....	\$	157.76
KK Pro Design.....	\$	100.00
Kelly Hittle.....	\$	200.00
Keith Shilling.....	\$	140.00
Mercer County General Fund.....	\$	199.77
McGranahan Plumbing.....	\$	13.70
Mercer Co. Regional Planning Comm.....	\$	692.45
Mary Lentz.....	\$	150.00
McGill, Bell, Power Assoc.....	\$	2,500.00
Mission Pest Management.....	\$	64.00
Pitney Bowes.....	\$	77.37
John Prosek.....	\$	4,978.00
Record-Argus.....	\$	246.50
Roger R. Shaffer.....	\$	750.00
Tri-County Industries.....	\$	181.45
Steven Vosler.....	\$	225.00
Verizon Wireless.....	\$	297.70
Wal-Mart.....	\$	39.97
Zito Business Comm	\$	200.00

STATE FUND:

Penn Power Company.....	\$	2,162.29
Five Star Equipment.....	\$	565.61
Lane Enterprises.....	\$	100.00
Flynn's Commercial Tire.....	4	700.00

**Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan
Municipal Adoption Resolution**

Resolution R12-2023
Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, Hempfield township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural and man-made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000(DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, Hempfield Township, Mercer County, PA acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Mercer County Commissioners and the Mercer County Department of Public Safety in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of Hempfield Township, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, PA:

- The Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, PA and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them

Adopted, this 4th day of April, 2023

ATTEST

Hempfield Township Board of
Supervisors
