

October 3, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, October 3, 2023, 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 was also 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 5, 2023. 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.

Chairman Hittle said the Board of Supervisors would like to recognize Keith R. Hittle for his many contributions to the Township as a member of the Hempfield Township Municipal Authority Board of Directors, serving as Chairman of the Board since 1988. Keith passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 25th, 2023.

Chairman Hittle said the Board of Supervisors would like to recognize Lori Sherman for her contributions to the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department. Lori was tireless in her fundraising efforts for the Fire Department. Lori passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023.

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 Monday, October 30th, 2023. 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 28th, 2023 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. following the 2:00 P.M parade.

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 5 – Training; October 9 – Directors and Membership Meetings; October 14- Celebration of Life for Lori Sherman; October 17- County Fire Chief’s meeting; October 19th-21st- Training and travel to Illinois to pick up new Tanker. 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.

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 692 man-hours and traveled 4,621 miles. There were 4 accidents reported with 2 injuries. 15 traffic citations were issued during September. Property stolen was reported at \$885.30 with \$511.37 in property being recovered. No property damage was reported. There were 52 criminal incidents, 438 service, 27 police information, and 93 additional traffic incidents.

The September report from the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department was then viewed. There were 8 incidents in the district, 6 fire and 2 EMS. Aid was given to neighboring departments 2 times.

There were 2 zoning permits issued in September by the Zoning Administrator. They were issued to Randy and Angelique Riffe of 203 Hadley Road for a new deck at an estimated market value of \$5,000.00 and Joseph Byler of 491 Mercer Road for a barn addition at an estimated market value of \$20,000.00.

Last viewed was the report of major work performed by the Maintenance Crew. Mowed berms along Township Roads; Removed low hanging branches off trees along Ruth Street; Power washed Massey Ferguson Tractor and Boom mower; Serviced Pressure Washer; Cleaned and washed John Deere Loaders/Backhoes; Rebuilt overhead garage door framing at Township Building due to wood rot; Cleaned garage at Township Building; Working with Bronder Technical from Prospect, PA on Green Light Go Grant replacing communication equipment and PED Heads at traffic signals along Williamson Road and Williamson/Hadley Road Intersection; Patched potholes along Township Roads; Serviced Ex-Mark Zero Turn Mower; Mowed at Park; Worked on water leak on HTMA Sewer Jetter; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Set up Park Pavilions for rentals; Set up Park for State Flag Display over Labor Day Weekend; Cut up downed limbs at Bigler Cemetery; Trimmed at Park; Trimmed around Sign Posts and Painted Sign Posts around Township; Mixing Salt/Anti-Skid for Winter Maintenance Season; Replaced sign/post at culvert pipe crossing on Babcock Road; Removed downed tree on Gibson Road; Ditching on Gibson, Gruber and St. Glory Roads; Fixed flat tire on Ex-Mark Mower; PA One Calls marked for HTMA; Worked on new seals on Overhead Doors at Township Building; Built new dumpster pad at Township Building; Cleaned trash at Park; Cut grass at Township Building; Swept intersections of loose stone.

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:

Busy Beaver.....	\$ 284.57
Brownie’s Oil.....	\$ 2,133.30
BSFCU.....	\$ 338.99
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Companion Life.....	\$ 378.70
David A. Geisel	\$ 61.20
Penn Power.....	\$ 188.48
National Fuel.....	\$ 64.67
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$ 61.20
Greenville Water Authority.....	\$ 141.49
H.A. Thomson.....	\$ 714.00
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 180.07
HTMA.....	\$ 161.96
Chris Hughes.....	\$ 169.00
Hempfield Township VFD.....	\$ 21,348.37
John Hancock (USA).....	\$ 7,960.97
John Hancock (USA).....	\$ 6,005.64
Kelly Hittle.	\$ 160.00
KK Pro Design.....	\$ 100.00
Lori Sherman Family.....	\$ 150.00
Joshua D. McCloskey.....	\$ 351.96
MCRPC.....	\$ 692.45
Mary Lentz.....	\$ 120.00
Open Signs.....	\$ 30.00
Pamela Cianci Scholarship.....	\$ 200.00
John Prosek.....	\$ 16,385.00
Rolling Ridge Metals.....	\$ 352.52
Roger R. Shaffer.....	\$ 750.00
Tri Tech Software.....	\$ 297.66
Tri-County Industries.....	\$ 300.93
Steven R. Vosler.....	\$ 1,125.00
Wal-Mart.....	\$ 669.09

STATE FUND:

Penn Power Company.....	\$ 2,166.96
Lakeland Aggregates.....	\$ 1,822.30