

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday evening, January 2, 2024, 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 R7-2024 has been prepared to approve and authorize certain members of the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department to participate in support activities for 2024. Secretary Hittle read Resolution R7-2024 in full and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Motion by Chairman Hittle to approve R7-2024 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 5, 2023. 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 2024, 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 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. They are Training on Jan. 4th; Directors/Membership meeting on Jan. 8th; Training/CFRSA meeting on Jan. 18th and Fire Chiefs meeting on Jan.23rd. Motion by Supervisor Geisel to approve the activities was seconded by Supervisor Hittle and 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 December, 2023. First reviewed was the Police Report. There were 679 man-hours worked and 4,294 miles traveled. There were 2 traffic citations issued. Property stolen was in the amount of \$257.30 with \$257.30 in property recovered. Property damaged was \$0.00. Criminal incidents totaled 53, service totaled 412, police information totaled 26, and traffic incidents totaled 90.

Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department reported 15 total incidents, 5 EMS and 10 fire. Aid was received once and mutual aid given twice.

There was 1 zoning permit issued for the month of December, 2023. It was issued to Andrew Sorg of 9 Fox Creek Drive for a home addition at an estimated market value of \$256,000.00.

Last viewed was the report of major work performed by the Maintenance Crew. The crew plowed and salted roads from winter storms; cleaned ditches with the power ditcher along Township Roads; Cleaned ditches of debris after storms; Worked on HTPD vehicles; Cleaned up the Shop area; Worked on HTPD Unit#1; Put new steer tires on Ford F550; Marked numerous PA One Calls; Changed manhole cover along Williamson Road; Built shelving units for barn at Township Building; Replaced plumbing in both men's and women's rooms at Township Building; Worked on compressed air system in shop; Cleaned salt off Winter plow equipment; Washed HTPD vehicles numerous times; Fixed gate at Tennis Court at Hempfield Park; Cut up downed trees on Township Roads; Fixed Stop Sign at Hempfield Avenue and Leech Road hit by PennDot Snow Plow Truck; Worked on sanding/repainting rims for 99 International Truck; Cleaned trucks; Ditching with Massey Ferguson Tractor.

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 9,323 man-hours in the Township and traveled 59,480 miles. Under the Traffic Category, it was reported that there were 88 accidents, resulting in 12 injuries and total traffic related incidents were 168. 27 non-traffic citations were issued. Under the Criminal Category, it was reported that property was stolen in the amount of \$30,319.93 with \$13,619.71 recovered, and no property damage was reported. There were 5,141 related criminal incidents reported, there were 1,660 items listed under the Service Category, and 314 items listed as Police Information.

The annual Fire Report stated there are now 20 Certified Firefighters with 2 more currently in class now. A new Tanker Truck was delivered in November and the old tanker was sold to Clark Volunteer Fire Department. HVFD received a grant for \$132,000 for new air packs. The Engine was involved in an accident in April and is now back in service. The department ran 375 calls in 2023, 41 of which were medical calls. Unfortunately, the department lost long-time Fund-Raising Chair Lori Sherman, she will be missed dearly as she was the main fund raiser for the department.

Zoning permits issued included 1 single-family home; 2 for home additions; 6 for garages/carports; 11 for decks/patios; 3 for swimming pools; 2 for commercial building remodels; 3 for signs; 6 for sheds; 1 for solar panels and 7 for fences.

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.....	26,693.00
PIRMA.....	35,467.00
Busy Beaver.....	67.42
Brownies Oil.....	519.59
BSFCU.....	86.59
Cadman Fire Ext.....	32.50
Davevic Benefits.....	1000.00
ComDoc.....	7.95
David Geisel.....	61.20
Greenville Chamber of Commerce.....	150.00
National Fuel.....	296.62
Gary E. Hittle.....	61.20
Hittle Auto Supply.....	258.61
HTMA.....	161.96
Kelly Hittle.....	160.00
Mary Lentz.....	120.00
Prosek Inspection.....	595.00
PSATS.....	1332.00
Record-Argus.....	47.55
Roger R Shaffer, Jr.....	750.00
Teamsters# 261 Employer Welfare Fund.....	10119.82
Steven Vosler.....	900.00
Wal-Mart.....	155.95
Companion Life.....	378.70
GWA.....	141.18
Penn Power.....	244.67
Reeves Information Tech.....	225.20

STATE FUND:

Penn Power.....	2,166.96
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HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. R7-2024

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 1/1/2024 to 1/1/2025.