

March 5, 2024

### REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, March 5, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building.

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

Chairman Gary Hittle called the Regular Meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the meeting for Public Comment. Greg Buchanan of 370 Wasser Bridge Road questioned the Board on the variance granted on a property located on the corner of Southwest corner of Wasser Bridge Road and Hamburg Road. He stated the owner is not following the provisions set forth in the Zoning Hearing Board's decision of May 2023. Mr. Hittle stated the Board of Supervisors would review the Facts, Findings and Conclusions of Law from the ZHB decision and if needed would have Zoning Officer Dick Stanley follow up with the land owner.

Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion to approve of and dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2024. Supervisor Geisel made the motion to approve of and dispense with the minutes. Supervisor Hittle duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried. Chairman Hittle said the minutes are a public document and may be viewed during regular business hours at the Township Building.

The terms of Steve Vosler, 376 Mercer Road and Tom Mentch, 96 Donation Road, on the Hempfield Township Municipal Authority Board, are set to expire today. A motion and a second is needed to re-appoint both residents to new 5-year terms expiring on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2029. Supervisor Geisel made the motion to re-appoint Mr. Vosler and Mr. Mentch to the Authority Board and it was duly seconded by Mr. Hittle. Chairman Hittle unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors have been approached regarding posting of some Township Roads for All-Terrian Vehicle (ATV) use. To post the roads, the Township would need to develop an Ordinance listing the Township Roads for approved ATV use, properly advertise the Ordinance, vote to pass the Ordinance and properly post the roads. Discussion centered around the list of roads for potential posting of ATV use.

Chairman Hittle stated if Township Residents have any questions filing their 2023 local wage taxes to contact the local Berkheimer office at 724-347-7607.

Chairman Hittle said the Supervisors need to approve participation by the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department members in upcoming activities. They Are; March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fire Expo in Monroeville, PA; March 11<sup>th</sup>- membership/directors meeting; March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>- training and March 19<sup>th</sup>- Chiefs Meeting. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to approve participation in the aforementioned activities by VFD members. It was duly 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 February. The police report was first presented. The men worked 749-man hours and traveled 4,572 miles. They issued 4 traffic citation. There were 3 accidents with no injuries. There were 54 criminal-related incidents, 401 service incidents, 31 police information, and 83 additional traffic related incidents. There was \$1,899.75 in property stolen with \$649.75 recovered and no property damage reported.

For the month of February for the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, there were 14 calls, 4 EMS and 10 Fire. Aid was given 8 times to neighboring departments.

There was 1 zoning permit issued for the month of February. It was issued to Chris and Roni Firster of 171 Wasser Road for an Agriculture Storage Building at an estimated market value of \$14,000.00.

The Township Maintenance Crew report was reviewed next. Plowed and salted Township Roads; Measured culvert pipe on Quarry Hill Road for replacement this Spring/Summer; Anti-skid/salt was mixed; Trip to McCandless Ford to pick up HTPD Unit#1 after front axel replacement; Working on ExMark mowers, reassembling and servicing for summer maintenance at Park; Working on the Bucket Truck, brought back to Township Building for Di-Electric Testing; Working on both Toro mowers, servicing for summer maintenance use; Working on Picnic Tables at park, replacing rotting boards/seats and painting reassembled tables; Repaired sink holes at to culvert/bridge crossings on Salem Road; Cleaned grounds at Township Building and Park after storms; Chipping downed timbers at park; Cleaned downed timbers at Bigler Cemetery; Spread mulch around trees at park; Burned brush at Bigler Cemetery; Checking Township Roads after storms; Serviced HTPD Unit#3; Picked up parts at 5-Star Equipment for John Deere Backhoe; Worked on plow mount for Ford F550; Ditching along Hamburg Road; Filled berms at mailboxes along Hamburg Road; Put up temporary Stop Signs at Wal-Mart Drive and Williamson Road due to power outage; Serviced Chevy Pick-up; Disassembled Tiger Ditcher Head for maintenance; Repaired Boom Mower Deck for summer maintenance; Took HTPD Unit#3 for inspection; Took HTPD Units #1 and#3 for new Tires in Hubbard, OH; Marked numerous PA One Calls; Repairing/painting cookers at park; Emptied out plow trucks and cleaned beds of salt/anti-skid; Removing staples from picnic tables at park; Cleaning plow marks from winter maintenance along Township Roads.

Chairman Hittle opened the floor to the miscellaneous portion of the meeting for any additional comments from the Board or public. There was none.

Chairman Hittle said that prior to adjournment, a motion should be made and seconded 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 and duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle. The motion 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.

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Todd P. Hittle, Township Secretary

**GENERAL FUND:**

Aqua Filter Fresh.....	\$ 49.25
Busy Beaver.....	\$ 34.16
BSFCU.....	\$ 50.00
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Bob Sumerel Tire Co.....	\$ 1,357.28
Brownies Oil.....	\$ 1,224.16
Cintas.....	\$ 184.70
Companion Life.....	\$ 350.45
David A. Geisel.....	\$ 61.20
Wallace & Dibble.....	\$ 500.00
Penn Power.....	\$ 235.79
Five Star Equipment.....	\$ 85.79
Ford Business Machines.....	\$ 295.00
National Fuel.....	\$ 333.69
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$ 61.20
GWA.....	\$ 106.23
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 1,229.52
Kelly Hittle.....	\$ 200.00
KK Pro Design.....	\$ 459.99
Mary Lentz.....	\$ 150.00
Record-Argus.....	\$ 225.80
Reeves Info.Tech.....	\$ 219.59
Roger R. Shaffer, Jr.....	\$ 750.00
Teamsters#261 Welfare Fund.....	\$ 9,227.03
Tri-County Industries.....	\$ 171.45
Tractor Supply Co.....	\$ 470.95
Tri-Tech Software.....	\$ 2,277.86
Verizon Wireless.....	\$ 298.14
Steven R. Vosler.....	\$ 1,350.00
Wal-Mart.....	\$ 45.05
MEIT.....	\$ 1,024.41

**STATE FUND:**

Penn Power Company.....	\$ 2,225.90
Compass Minerals America Inc.....	\$ 1,463.08
Five Star Equipment.....	\$ 597.59

