

## REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building.

All of the Supervisors were present. Also present were Dale Deist of 106 Woodshire Road, Rick Rossi of 136 Woodshire Road, Sugar Grove Township, Bill Fagley of 114 Woodshire Road, Greg Buchanan of 370 Wasser Bridge Road and Caleb Stright of the Record-Argus Newspaper.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the Regular Meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the meeting for Public Comment. Dale Deist of 106 Woodshire Road expressed concerns about the vacated home at 126 Woodshire Road and the conditions of the property. Bill Fagley of 114 Woodshire Road expressed concerns about the same property at 126 Woodshire Road. Greg Buchanan of 370 Wasser Bridge Road had concerns about the use of the property owned by Brent Beckstein on the southwest corner of Wasser Bridge and Hamburg Roads. Mr. Beckstein secured a use variance for the property in 2023.

Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Supervisor Geisel made the motion and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Todd Hittle. The motion was 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.

Ordinance 2024-1 has been prepared and properly advertised for designating certain Township Roads upon which All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) may travel. Chairman Hittle asked the secretary to read Ordinance 2024-1 and he did. Chairman Hittle asked if there were any questions and there were none. Motion by Vice-Chairman Geisel with a seconded from Supervisor Hittle to approve Ordinance 2024-1. Chairman Hittle asked the secretary to poll the board: Chairman Hittle-Yes; Vice-Chairman Geisel-Yes; Supervisor Hittle-Yes. Motion carried. The Township will need to record the ordinance with the Mercer County Recorder's Office and properly post the roads prior to ATV use being permitted.

Chairman Hittle had the Township Secretary read the bids received for this summer's road maintenance/seal coating work. 3 bids were received, the first bid from Russell Standard Corporation came in at \$1.51 per square yard; Youngblood Paving came in at \$1.45 per square yard, and Martuccio Paving came in at \$ 1.374 per square yard. Supervisor Geisel made a motion and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle that the Martuccio Paving bid of \$1.374 be accepted for this summer's road maintenance project. The motion was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle stated the Township had applied for a Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Grant for a project on St. Glory Road through the Mercer County Conservation District. The project will improve drainage and repair and improve the road

surface. Motion to enter into a contract with Martuccio Paving in the amount of \$96,974.00 was made by Supervisor Geisel and it was seconded by Supervisor Hittle. The motion was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle also noted that the Township offices will be closed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day holiday.

Next on the agenda, Chairman Hittle asked the Secretary to read the Activity Report for the month of May for the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Department. The activities are as follows: Training on May 4 and 5- Basic vehicle rescue class; May 9- Training; May 13- Membership/Directors Meeting; May 14/16- EMR Class; May 21/23- EMR Class; May 21- County Fire Chiefs meeting; May 23- Training; May 25/26- EMR Class. Supervisor Geisel made a motion and it was duly seconded by Supervisor Hittle to approve the activities as presented. The motion 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 April. First viewed was the police report. The men worked 701-man hours and traveled 5,267 miles. They issued 4 traffic citations. There were 6 accidents with 1 injury. There were 61 criminal related incidents, 30 police info. incidents, 86 traffic, and 368 service incidents. There was no property stolen or damaged.

Next viewed were the Zoning Permits issued by the Zoning Administrator for the month of April. They were issued to: Joseph Byler of 491 Mercer Road for a seasonal ag stand at an estimated market value of \$3500.00; John Hajdak of 9 Stoney Brook Blvd for a new single family residence at an estimated market value of \$425,000.00; Michael Trimble of 445 Mercer Road for a fence at an estimated market value of \$5000.00; WBR Holdings LLC of 1030 Torrey Pines, Warren, Ohio for a commercial building remodel at an estimated market value of \$200,000.00 and PTV 1358, LLC of 365 Mercer Road for a new commercial building at an estimated market value of \$375,000.00.

The maintenance report was next: Checking ditches after storms along township roads; Cleaned leaves from ditches after storms along St. Glory Road; Removed downed trees from West Methodist Road; Swept rural roads with front broom/Massey Ferguson Tractor; Serviced HTPD #3; Washed HTPD vehicles; Greased power broom; Sweeping Township Roads with Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper; Servicing both Massey Ferguson Tractor and Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper; PA One Call meeting regarding new natural gas line from BPI to Hamburg Road; Picked up trash along Hamburg Road; Fixed various street signs in Township; Marked sewer lines for PA One Calls; Mowed at Township Building; Mowed at HVFD; Swept HVFD parking lot; New table decking/supports for picnic tables at Park; Setting up playground at Park; Attending 2024 Seal Coating Bid Opening for Mercer County Sealing Coating Project; Patching potholes along Township Roads; Serviced 2012 John Deere Skid Steer; Swept parking lots at Park; Mowed at Hempfield Park; Removed salt hopper from Chevy Pick Up, cleaned and put away for summer storage; Installed new front broom wafers on Massey Ferguson Tractor; Cut up downed tree at Hempfield Park; Removed salt spreaders from trucks, cleaned and stored for summer; Installing toys in playground at Hempfield Park.

Last is the Fire Report. There were 13 total incidents. 4 EMS and 9 Fire. Aid was given to other departments 3 times.

Next was the miscellaneous portion of the meeting with no comments.

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.

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Todd P. Hittle, Township Secretary

**GENERAL FUND:**

1866 Auto.....	\$ 56.60
Aqua Filter Fresh.....	\$ 75.50
Busy Beaver.....	\$ 37.03
BSFCU.....	\$ 63.50
Brownies Oil Co.....	\$ 599.86
Companion Life.....	\$ 350.45
David A. Geisel.....	\$ 61.20
Davevic Benefits.....	\$ 1,000.00
Penn Power Co.....	\$ 270.91
Energco.....	\$ 323.11
Ford Business Machines.....	\$ 14.00
National Fuel.....	\$ 203.91
Gary E. Hittle.....	\$ 61.20
Greenville Water Co.....	\$ 106.23
Hittle Auto Supply.....	\$ 1,247.03
Kelly Hittle.....	\$ 160.00
Mercer Co. General Fund.....	\$ 290.26
MEIT.....	\$ 1,138.65
Mary Lentz.....	\$ 120.00
Mohr's Well Drilling.....	\$ 372.50
John Prosek.....	\$ 9,327.00
Greenville Record-Argus.....	\$ 528.65
Roger R. Shaffer.....	\$ 750.00
Teamsters#261.....	\$ 9,360.95
Tri-County Industries.....	\$ 181.45
Tractor Supply Co.....	\$ 80.95

Verizon Wireless.....	\$ 159.86
Steve Vosler.....	\$ 450.00
Wal-Mart Community.....	\$ 25.27
Plunkett Pest Co.....	\$ 33.28
Zito Business Comm.....	\$ 200.00

**STATE FUND:**

Penn Power.....	\$ 2,225.90
ODB.....	\$ 818.32

**HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN TOWNSHIP  
ROADS UPON WHICH ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES MAY  
TRAVEL**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session assembled, and **IT IS HEREBY ENACTED** by authority of the same that:

**SECTION 1. Definitions:**

A. “All-Terrain Vehicles” or “ATV”:

A motorized off-highway vehicle which travels on three or more tires and which has: (1) a maximum width of 50 inches and a maximum dry weight of 1,200 pounds; or (2) a width which exceeds 50 inches or a dry weight which exceeds 1,200 pounds.

An ATV may be referred to as a Class I ATV, and an ATV described in paragraph (2) may be referred to as a Class II ATV. This term does not include snowmobiles, trail bikes, motorboats, golf carts, aircraft, dune buggies, automobiles, construction machines, trucks or home utility machines; military, fire, emergency and law enforcement vehicles; implements of husbandry; multipurpose agricultural vehicles; vehicles used by the department; or any vehicle that is or is required to be registered under Chapter 13 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (relating to registration of vehicles). In addition, this term does not include off-road motor vehicles used exclusively as utility vehicles for agricultural or business operations and incidentally operated or moved upon the highway.

B. Department: The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

C. Headlamp: A major lighting device used to provide general illumination ahead of the vehicle.

D. Highway: The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

E. Street: A highway, other than an alley, within the corporate limits of a political subdivision.

F. Tail lamp:

A device to designate the rear of the vehicle by a warning light.

**SECTION 2.** The following highways within the Township of Hempfield, Mercer County, Pennsylvania are designated as special All-Terrain Vehicle roads. All roads below will share the road with vehicular traffic:

Babcock Road(#683)

Callahan Road(#717)

Gruber Road(#679)

Salem Road(#681)

St. Glory Road(#564)

West Methodist Road(#716)

Blahut Road(#506)

Gibson Road(#562)

Quarry Hill Road(#715)

Scott Road(#508)

Wasser Road(#761)

Keystone Road(#500)

**SECTION 3.** All All-Terrain Vehicles must be registered with the Department and insured. The operator of any All-Terrain Vehicle must be 16 years or older and carry a registration certificate. The ATV must display a registration plate and expiration sticker, as required by Pennsylvania law. The registration plate must be affixed to the back of the ATV.

**SECTION 4.** Designation of certain highways as ATV roads of the Township of Hempfield does not impose liability on the Township of Hempfield for any property damage or personal injury that may result from the use of the ATVs on said roads.

**SECTION 5.** Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and, if any of the provisions hereof shall be held unconstitutional, void or otherwise unenforceable, such shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of said Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective as the date of enactment.

**ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session assembled, this    day of    , 2024.

**ATTEST:**

**HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**