

April 7, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, April 7, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building.

All of the Supervisors were present. Secretary Bartosh was present. Also present was Richard G. Stanley of 8 Fox Creek Drive. Township resident, Jake Anthony of 208 Bentley Avenue and resident Jeff Lynch of 37 Templeton Avenue were also in attendance.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the Regular Meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle opened the meeting for Public Comment.

Jake Anthony read a prepared statement asking to address the speed limit on Templeton Avenue. A request was made to lower the speed limit on that road. Chairman Hittle stated that the township will forward the request to the township solicitor for review.

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 3rd, 2026. Supervisor Geisel made that motion, Supervisor Jon Ross 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 2nd 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 2026 will be on Monday, April 27th.

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 Ross duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle noted that the Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors is schedule for April 19-22, 2026 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. A motion should be enacted to designate the secretary and a supervisor as delegates to attend the annual convention and also designating one of the supervisors as the voting delegate. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to designate, Secretary Bartosh and Supervisor Ross as delegates, with Supervisor Ross named as voting delegate for the convention. Chairman Hittle duly seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved by Supervisor Ross. 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 2025 must file a Township wage tax return with Berkheimer Tax Administrators on or before April 15th, 2026. 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 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th are mutual training events at Fallowfield; April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 25th are company training (including make-up training); April 11th and 12th are reserved for Specialized training; April 6th, 7th and 21st are scheduled meetings; April 20th is a Bingo fundraising event. Drivers' training is also possible at any time throughout the month. Supervisor Ross 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 710-man hours and traveled 4,987 miles. They issued 8 traffic citations and 2 non-traffic citations. There were 46 criminal-related incidents, 317 service incidents, 25 police information, and 44 additional traffic related incidents. Property stolen was in the amount of \$170.25 with \$152.28 recovered. No property damage was reported.

There were 5 zoning permits issued by the Zoning Administrator for the month of March. They were issued to Brian / Sue Holzshu of 42 Donations Road for a bedroom addition at an estimated market value of \$50,000.00; Mark Cianci (Motel) of 399 Mercer Road for balcony repair at an estimated market value of \$25,330.00; Brian Thompson of 17 Sheakley Avenue for a new garage at an estimated market value of \$42,848.00; Russell Gilson of 20 Cora Street for a storage shed at an estimated value of \$4,200.00 and Kiel Szocki of 148 Leech Road for a deck at an estimated value of \$11,500.00.

The maintenance report was next. Activities included: Checked ditches; cleaned culvert pipes; Snowplowing and salting; Checked on properties for call-in issues; Patched Frye Road; Marked sewers for PA One calls; Worked on unit #1; Worked on Street sweeper; Mixed antiskid; Had bucket truck dye tested; Worked on mowers; Picked up new mower; Worked on furnace in garage; Trip to Martuccio's for cold patch; Internation dump – empty antiskid / hose off auger and truck bed; 550 Ford – hose off auger; X-Mark - go over and repair for summer; Clean up Turf along roads; Chevy pickup – inspection; Clean chainsaws; Massey – grind and weld bracket on flapper for ditcher; Toro – Get battery and sharpen blades; Massey – Change knives and ditcher, grease and hose off windows and ditcher, power wash ditcher; Cut up downed tree at Hempfield park; Cleaned up downed tree on Salem Road; Wash police cars, Paint cookers; Clean up Hempfield park; Pull snow stakes; Built driveway access off Gibson Road; rolled intersections from winter plowing; maintenance in township parking lot.

Chairman Hittle asked if there were any comments for the Miscellaneous portion of the meeting and there were none.

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 Ross. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Supervisor Geisel made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Ross duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried. Chairman Hittle declared the Meeting adjourned.

Deborah L Bartosh, Township Secretary

GENERAL FUND:

Advantage Auto.....	\$ 646.92
Aqua Filter Fresh.....	\$ 52.05
Brownies Oil Co.....	\$ 1,190.21
BSFCU.....	\$ 220.00
Cintas.....	\$ 138.50
Companion Life Insurance.....	\$ 360.13
David A. Geisel.....	\$ 61.20
Davis Security.....	\$ 132.50
Deb Bartosh.....	\$ 81.60
Davevic Benefits.....	\$ 2,000.00
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Penn Power.....	\$ 275.93
Ford Pro.....	\$ 80.00
National Fuel.....	\$ 733.68
Gary E Hittle.....	\$ 61.20
HAB-EIT.....	\$ 1,955.04
HAB-LST.....	\$ 204.45
KK Pro Design.....	\$ 100.00
Kelly Hittle.....	\$ 160.00
Mercer County Go.....	\$ 86.00
McGranahan Plumbing.....	\$ 147.30
MEIT-Municipal Ben.....	\$ 1,226.33
Mary Lentz.....	\$ 120.00
Pitney Bowes.....	\$ 118.11
John Prosek.....	\$ 1,710.00
Roger R. Shaffer.....	\$ 750.00
Reeves Information.....	\$ 269.54
Teamsters #261.....	\$ 6,457.92
Tractor Supply.....	\$ 234.55
Tri-County Industries.....	\$ 192.11
Tri-Tech Software.....	\$ 2,511.34
Verizon Wireless.....	\$ 193.22
ZITO Business-Comm.....	\$ 200.00

STATE FUND:

Penn Power Company.....	\$ 2,595.87
Frank Martuccio Asphalt & Paving , Inc.....	\$ 832.00
Stephenson Equipment.....	\$ 450.36