November 4, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, November 4, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building. Chairman Hittle, Supervisor Geisel and Supervisor Ross were present. Secretary Bartosh was also present.

Chairman Gary Hittle called the Regular Meeting to order.

Chairman Hittle said he would entertain a motion to approve of and dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2026. Supervisor Geisel made that motion, Supervisor Ross duly seconded the motion. 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 Resolution No. R7-2026 has been prepared for the transfer of funds in the General Fund Budget for 2026. Chairman Hittle instructed the Secretary to read Resolution R7-2026, and she did so. A motion was made by Supervisor Geisel to approve Resolution No. R7-2026 and it was seconded by Supervisor Ross. The motion was made unanimous by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle said that Resolution R8-2026 has been prepared for the transfer of funds in the State Fund Budget for 2026. Chairman Hittle instructed the Secretary to read Resolution R8-2026 and she did so. Supervisor Geisel made a motion to approve Resolution R8-2026, and it was seconded by Supervisor Ross. The motion was made unanimous by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Chairman Hittle presented the tentative annual budget for 2027 which each Supervisor has had the opportunity to study and review. First presented was a work sheet summary listing total estimated General Funds available for appropriation for 2027 totaling $2,399,562.00 including estimated cash and securities on hand on January 1, 2027, totaling $868,372.00 (excluding $250,000.00 fund equity reserve) and estimated General Fund receipts totaling $1,531,190.00. The General Fund revenue estimated included total estimated tax revenues of $1,149,988.00 based on a levy of .01000 mills for real estate tax purposes and $5.00 per capita levy and a continuation of all other current tax levies, including the $52.00 Local Services Tax. Estimated General Fund expenditures for 2027 totaled $2,399,562.00. The estimated General Fund appropriations included $259,970.00 for Administration; $48523,.00 for Municipal Buildings, making a total estimated appropriation of $308,493.00 for General Government. Police Protection costs were estimated at $1,545,582.00; Fire Protection services were estimated at $122,240.00; Protective Inspection costs were estimated at $29,355.00; Planning and Zoning costs were estimated at $15,300.00; and Emergency Management costs were estimated at $1,500.00 for a total of $1,405,484.00 for Protection to Persons and Property. The combined appropriations for Health and Sanitation purposes totaled $22,421.00. Estimated appropriations for Highway purposes from the General Fund totaled $455,070.00. Other estimated General Fund expenditures included a total of $3,983.00 under Other Expenditures for Cemeteries and Flood Control; $66 ,611.00 under Culture and Recreation for the Township Municipal Park and Libraries; $10,000.00 under Miscellaneous; $7,500.00

for Other Financing Uses; and $120,000 for Total Interfund Operating Transfers. The Supervisors agreed to make no changes in the tentative General Fund estimates at this time.

Chairman Hittle then made note to Township Residents that Hempfield Township Maintenance crew will be posting the snow stakes to guide them when snow plowing and we request that residents leave them in the ground. Also, the supervisors remind Township residents that it is illegal to push snow from driveways onto or through Township roads. This includes berm area. In addition to being illegal, an accident caused by the practice, could result in a lawsuit against the property owner. Residents are urged to push snow to their side yards or to the rear of their property.

Chairman Hittle then noted that the Township Business Offices and the Tax Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day; Thursday and Friday November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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: Scheduled meetings: 11/2/2026 Sugar Grove Township, 11/3/2026 Hempfield Township, 11/4/26 Bylaw meeting, 11/9/26 Officer's meeting, 11/9/26 Department meeting, 11/12/26 Fire Police meeting @ South Pymatuning, 11/17/26 Chiefs' meeting, 11/18/26 By Law meeting, 11/30/26 Fundraising meeting; The following training will take place:11/3/26 Mutual Aid training with Fallowfield – Interior operations, 11/5/26 Company Training, 11/5/26 EMT Class at Superior Ambulance, 11/8/26 EMT Class at Superior Ambulance, 11/10/26 Mutual Aid training with Fallowfield – Interior operations, 11/12/26 Company Training, 11/12/26 EMT Class at Superior Ambulance, 11/17/26 EMT Class at Superior Ambulance, 11/17/26 Mutual Aid training with Fallowfield – Interior operations, 11/19/26 Company Training, 11/19/26 EMT Class at Superior Ambulance, 11/24/26 EMT Class at Superior Ambulance 11/24/26 Mutual Aid training with Fallowfield – Interior operations There are several events taking place: 11/16/26, Bingo Fundraiser, 11/21/26 Hermitage Light up parade, 11/7/26 Veteran's parade (fire police). Supervisor Geisel made a motion to approve the activities as presented, and it was seconded by Supervisor Ross. The motion was made unanimous by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

Next on the Agenda is the viewing of reports of the various Township departments for the month of October. The police report was presented first. The officers worked 718 man-hours and traveled 5,147 miles. They issued four traffic citations and three non-traffic citations. There were 56 criminal-related incidents, 288 service incidents, 22 police information, and 61 additional traffic related incidents. Property stolen was in the amount of $6,000.00 with $6,000.00 recovered. No property damage was reported.

There were seven zoning permits issued by the Zoning Administrator for the month of October. They were issued to Walmart of 45 Williamson Road for an addition at an Estimated Market Value of $7,000.00; Brian Thompson of 17 Sheakley Avenue for Roof Solar Panels at an Estimated Market Value of $9,753.90; Robert Herschberger of 91 Baker Road for House at an Estimated Market Value of $170,000.00; Stacie Heckman of 22 Gruber Road for garage at an Estimated Market Value of 21,662.00;

Michael & Amy Hallowell for Storage Shed at an Estimated Market Value of $6,500.00; Kyle Wentling of 435 Mercer Road for Roof Solar Panels at an Estimated Market value of $72,592.60; Switch Federal Credit Union of 106 Woodfield Drive for sign replacement at an Estimated Market Value of $52,000.00.

The maintenance report was next. Activities included: Cleaning ditches, weed eating at park, replacing bathroom door at park, worked on International to prep for winter, cut up limb on Lynwood and hauled away, washed police cars, swept up intersections and hauled chips back to shop, cleaned up a downed tree at the shop, mowed at park multiple times, worked on equipment, painted bathroom door at park, trimmed ditches and intersections, cleaned mowers, cleaned out barn, mowed locals, set up pavilions at park, cut berms, worked on plows, replaced tires on #4, worked on International dump, worked on Massey tractor, worked on black car, cleaned up damage from wrecked car, got some of the winter maintenance started, handled multiple pa-one calls, checked drains and catch basins, assisted with decorating tree on Eastwood Drive, mulched up leaves at park, cleaned GMC truck, cleaned storm drains, washed big truck and took to garage, dug ditches, put up snow stakes, shut down Hempfield Park by cleaning playground equipment, shutting off water, removing trash dumpster, ordered parts and worked on International, then took for inspection, serviced #2 and cleaned up inside shop.

Chairman Hittle asked if there were any comments for the Miscellaneous portion of the meeting. 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 Geisel made the motion, and it was seconded by Supervisor Ross. The motion was made unanimous by Chairman Hittle. Motion carried.

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

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Deborah L Bartosh, Township Secretary

GENERAL FUND:

ARCHKEY SOLUTIONS	$1,625.00
BUSY BEAVER	$281.82
BROWNIES OIL CO	$884.74
BESSEMER SYSTEM	$542.94
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BOB SUMEREL TIRE	$148.54
CINTAS	$110.90
COMPANION LIFE	$512.34
COMMONWEALTH	$50.00
DAVID A. GEISEL	$61.20
DEB BARTOSH	$96.00
PENN POWER	$216.12
FORD PRO	$80.00
NATIONAL FUEL	$121.15
GARY E. HITTLE	$61.20
H A THOMPSON CO	$435.00
MERCER COUNTY	$86.00
MARY LENTZ	$120.00
JOHN PROSEK	$2,650.00
PSATS	$140.00
ROGER R. SHAFFER, JR	$750.00
SHRED-IT USA	$142.82
TEAMSTERS # 261	$9,441.08
VERIZON BUSINESS	$153.74

STATE FUND

PENN POWER	$2,648.84
POINT SPRING	$1,577.40
LAKELAND AG	$1,212.93