

**MONTHLY MEETING
September 8, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hickory Township Board of Supervisors held at the Hickory Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kathleen Abranovich.

Supervisors Present: Kathleen J. Abranovich - Chairperson
William W. Dean
Michael E. Hall

Staff Present: Jason Medure, Esquire – Solicitor
Lisa L. Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer
Lt. Ronald Bongivengo – Hickory Twp. Police Dept.

Other Attendees: Frank Cunningham Jennifer Miller
Rich Alley Tom Houston

Motion made by Supervisor Dean and seconded by Supervisor Hall to accept the minutes from the August 3rd regular meeting without correction. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for August was given. Motion made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Hall to pay current bills, payroll and all incoming regular bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

The August police report was read by Officer Bongivengo: 31 traffic stops; (2) 911 hang-up calls; 17 administrative; 1 animal complaint; 2 assist other police; 2 medical assists; 1 burglar alarm; 6 property checks; 1 motorist assist; 1 civil matter; 1 erratic driver complaint; 1 fraud investigation; 3 suspicious activity; 2 tree down complaints; and 1 welfare check. The resignation of Officer Matthew Langdon was received by Chief Cook. Officer Langdon was hired by the Laurel School District for the 2020-2021 school year.

Building Permits

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Jerry & Susan Hardisky	543 Cameron Road	12' x 16' shed
Jeff Buchowski	2430 Eastbrook Road	14' x 24' dormer addition and renovations
Jay R. Harrison	2005 Countyline Road	26' x 36' attached garage
Jason & Laney Pickel	1093 Brandy Way	New residence/garage + 24' x 32' detached garage
Paul R. & Sherry L. Graham	557 Eastbrook-Neshannock Falls Rd.	4' chain link fence
Harvey L. & Mary A. Mast	1016 Bowden Road	28' x 28' addition to wood shop

Public Comments: Rich Alley relayed a complaint from a Laurel School District bus driver voiced her concern about an overhanging limb on W. Moffatt Road that is hitting the top of the bus and requested that it be cut down.

Frank Cunningham requested that the Hickory Township Police Department patrol through Gas Light Mobile Home Park rather than just drive by the Park stating "there are a lot of taxpayers in the Park". Officer Bongivengo asked if there were any incidents that were unanswered or that needed to be reported. Mr. Cunningham stated "There is always something going on over there" but that there was no specific incident that he needed to report. Officer Bongivengo added that the patrols do go through Gas Light Park and that when there is an issue, it needs to be reported to the Police Department by calling the station.

Announcements: None.

Old Business: The Lakewood Neshannock Falls Road culvert replacement project is proceeding ahead of schedule. It was initially thought that the road would be closed for three (3) weeks. Work was halted due to the Labor Day holiday rain storm by one day with work resuming September 9th. If work progresses as planned, the road may be reopened by the end of the week (September 11th) or at the latest a few days into the week of September 13th, weather permitting. The road be repaved later in the Fall after it has had a chance to properly settle.

New Business: Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve the following Lawrence County tax exonerations:

Owner	Address	Real Estate Tax Change
Douglas Hockenberry	512 Continental Lane (Gas Light)	\$300.00 reduction
Michael Fishel, et al.	1113 Village Lane (Gas Light)	\$16,100.00 reduction
Jack R. & Rebecca J. Freed	74 Lakewood Road	\$25,200.00 reduction
Jack R. & Rebecca J. Freed	74 Lakewood Road	Exoneration of \$9,200.00 interim bill

Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Abranovich made note of the following:

1. The Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution was researched. Further discussions about whether to proceed may be discussed with Solicitor Medure at a later date. It was noted that such a Resolution is not enforceable and will not take precedence over Federal Law.
2. The Lawrence County Association of Township Officials meeting will be held at Spartan Park on September 30, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Members were asked to advise the Secretary of their intentions to attend to reserve a seat.

Supervisor Hall implored all Township residents to complete the 2020 Census questionnaire. Supervisor Abranovich joined in this request stating that the questions posed on the Census are not intrusive, that it takes a mere 5-10 minutes to complete, and that there is no invasion of privacy. An accurate count of Township residents is imperative to the funding the Township will receive for roads, insurance, disaster funding, etc. for the next ten (10) years.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M. Motion carried.