

HICKORY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
October 7, 2019

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 immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Supervisors Present:</u>	Kathleen Abranovich - Chairperson William Dean Michael Hall	
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Morgan Hill – Hickory Twp. Police Dept. Lisa L. Schlemmer – Secretary/Treasurer Jason Medure, Esquire - Solicitor	
<u>Other Attendees:</u>	Tom McCormick, Jr. Tom McCormick, Sr. Richard Alley Tom Houston	Keith Hall Thomas "Ed" McConnell R. Michael Burry

Motion made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Abranovich to accept the minutes from the September 3, 2019 regular meeting without correction. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for September 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 September police report was offered by Officer Morgan Hill: 64 traffic stops; 1 DUI; 2 crashes; 2 domestic disturbances; 3 disorderly conduct; 1 burning complaint;; 3 animal complaints; 1 medical assist; 1 overdose; 2 welfare checks; 1 theft; 3 uses of tobacco in schools; 2 suspicious activity; and 15 miscellaneous calls for service

Building Permits: None

Public Comments: Thomas McCormick, Jr. thanked Hickory Township for their support letter which assisted in the Hickory Volunteer Fire Department securing a federal grant through FEMA this year. Mr. McCormick also questions whether or not the Hickory Township Police Department carries Narcan and an AED defibrillator when they are called for medical assists, accidents, etc. Mr. McCormick indicated that members of the VFD will be taking classes in the near future regarding such safety measures and invited those interested from the Hickory Township Police Department to also attend.

Supervisor Abranovich thanked Thomas Houston for the seasonal grass cutting and trimming at the Hickory Township Municipal Building.

Old Business: Supervisor Abranovich reminded everyone of the Lawrence-Mercer Recycling event to be held at the township building on October 8, 2019 from 9-1 inclusive of reading a list of recyclable materials being collected.

Supervisor Dean stated that work on Fairground Road to address storm water issues would begin this week and continue into next week.

New Business: Sealed bid packets for the 2019 Lakewood-Neshannock Falls Road Culvert Project consisted of the following:

North Beaver Contracting, LLC	\$ 74,745.00
Allison Park Contractors, Inc.	\$180,000.00
Stefanik's	\$152,280.00

Motion was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Dean to award the bid to North Beaver Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$74,750.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Dean to pass Resolution 2019-21 permitting Supervisor Abranovich to sign the UPMC Health Plan's Annual Employer Group Agreement for Hickory Township. All in favor. Motion carried.

Halloween trick-or-treat night was scheduled for Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM.

The Supervisors instructed the Secretary to advertise a budget workshop meeting for Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 3:00 PM.

Supervisor Abranovich made the following announcements:

1. Officer Sager reported to a police call on Husky Road this week at which time he struck railroad ties damaging the front end of the Ford Taurus police cruiser. Prior to opening an insurance claim, the township will secure repair estimates to determine the best resolution.

2. The Lawrence County Commissioner's Office has approximately \$200,000.00 of Marcellus Shale funds this year to allocate to eligible applicants. The Lawrence County Commissioner's confirmed receipt of an application for Marcellus Shale monies from the Hickory Township Park Authority in the amount of \$35,000.00 and advised that there is no verbal or implied commitment to grant the application request of the Hickory Township Park Authority. The Hickory Township Park Authority took out a loan to pay for the paving of the park roadway. This issue is of concern because of the loan taken by the Hickory Township Park Authority becomes payable in full in May 2020.

3. The Lawrence County Convention has been scheduled for November 11th at Gallo's Restaurant.

4. The Light Fest issued payment for amusement tax due plus payment to the Hickory Volunteer Fire Department for their coverage of the event in 2018 and 2019. The Coachmen's Club has decided to move their event from the Lawrence County Fairgrounds to Cascade Park in 2020.

5. The township intends to secure payroll information for a zoning officer/code enforcement officer from adjoining townships and discuss the impact adding such personnel will have on the budget before making a final determination on hiring.

The new township garage construction continues to proceed. Kurtanich Engineers met with the Supervisors on site on Monday and advised that a bid packet will be forthcoming. Supervisor Abranovich made a motion to put the work out for bid upon receipt of the bid packet having all bids due by noon on November 4, 2019 and scheduled to be opened at the November regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Dean to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Motion carried.