

HICKORY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
**January 6, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hickory Township Board of Supervisors held at the Hickory Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Chairperson Kathleen Abranovich.

Supervisors Present: Kathleen Abranovich - Chairperson  
William Dean  
Michael Hall

Staff Present: Jason Medure, Esquire – Solicitor  
Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer  
Randall Cook – Police Chief, HTPD  
Joseph Sager – Patrolman, HTPD

Other Attendees: Neal J. Miller  
Tom McCormick, Jr.  
Keith Hall  
Ed McConnell  
Don Bowden  
Tom Houston  
Robert Amore

Eli J. Mast  
Thomas McCormick, Sr.  
Chris Fabian  
Gary Finley  
Dave Stanford  
Richard Alley  
Josh Latore

Motion made by Supervisor Abranovich and seconded by Supervisor Dean to accept the minutes from the December 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting without correction. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for December 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 December police report was offered by Chief Cook: 53 traffic stops; 1 alarm; 2 crashes; 5 medical assists; 2 domestics; 1 criminal mischief; 1 fraud; 1 suicide attempt; 1 simple assault; 2 suspicious activities; 1 weapons arrest; and 17 miscellaneous calls for service

**Building Permits**

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement	Fee
Sam Pontius	2779 Pearl Drive	46' x 26' garage improvement	\$402.10

**Public Comments:** Ed McConnell asked Chief Cook to provide the emergency and non-emergency contact phone numbers for the police department. Chief Cook obliged.

Robert Amore thanked the police department for their work in the township.

Neil Miller and Eli Mast asked that horse and buggy signs be erected in the township, and offered specific concern about the traffic on Eastbrook-Neshannock Falls Road. The Supervisors will send a letter to PennDOT asking for assistance in this regard and will make Mr. Miller and Mr. Mast aware of the outcome of any discussions.

Don Bowden expressed concern about the intersection of S.R. 388 and S.R. 108 stating that there have been numerous accidents at the intersection, which in his opinion, should warrant a stop light. The Supervisors advised that because S.R. 388 and S.R. 108 are state roads that PennDOT would need to conduct a traffic study to determine if any further intervention is necessary. PennDOT has performed traffic studies on the intersection in the past and found that a traffic light is not warranted. Tom Houston offered that rather than erecting a traffic light, that flashing stop warnings with solar

panels could be placed prior to the intersection. Butler is known to use these types of signs. Thomas McCormick offered that a warning of the upcoming intersection could be painted on the roadway surface prior to the intersection. Chris Fabian indicated that he has some information for low-cost traffic signaling which he will pass along to the Supervisors at a later date. The Supervisors intend to contact PennDOT to reinvestigate traffic options for the intersection.

Supervisor Abranovich advised Tom Houston that the township continues to investigate the speed limit signs that he requested be placed in Eastbrook as a speeding deterrent.

Dave Stanford asked about having a brake retarder extension along S.R. 108. The Supervisors advised that PennDOT performed two traffic studies on S.R. 108 for brake retarder restrictions in 2019. PennDOT rejected the township's request for brake retarder implementation stating that sections of S.R. 108 exceed a 4% grade.

**Old Business:** Bill Dean made a motion to sign the Addendum to School Resource Office Agreement. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Abranovich. Motion carried. Supervisor Abranovich briefly described the addendum verbage to the meeting attendees.

**New Business:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-6 approving a township records purge was made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Abranovich made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the 550 truck. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. Supervisor Hall added that there was a 9-month waiting period for the truck.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Abranovich to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M. Motion carried.