

**HICKORY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
July 1, 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.

- Supervisors Present: Kathleen Abranovich - Chairperson
William Dean
Michael Hall
- Staff Present: Chad Adams – Hickory Twp. Police Dept.
Lisa L. Schlemmer – Secretary/Treasurer
- Other Attendees: Keith Hall Bob Reiter
Dennis Bevan Mary Ann Reiter
Ray Gennaro Robert Amore
Tom Houston

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

Treasurer’s report for the month of June 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 June police report was offered by Officer Chad Adams: 63 traffic stops; 1 burglary; 3 crashes; 1 DUI arrest; 3 burglar alarms; 1 animal complaint; 4 medical assists; 3 welfare checks; 15 miscellaneous calls for service; 23 property checks

Building Permits – June

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement	Fee
Gerald & Kimberly Sholey	1421 Harlansburg Rd.	30’ above ground swimming pool	\$139.50
John Covert	714 Moffatt Road	16’ x 23’ deck w/roof	\$146.50
Frederick & Anna Creese	1431 Harlansburg Road	12’ 16 ‘ shed	\$35.00

Public Comments: Bill Reiter of 321 Fairground Road states that plans of rectifying the flooding issues on Fairground Road were discussed two (2) years ago and no action has been undertaken. Mr. Reiter is now experiencing flooding in his front yard. Mr. Reiter was informed by the Supervisors that the Fairground Road project was part of the 2019 road paving project bids to be awarded at the conclusion of the evening’s public comments. Mr. Reiter further offered that there are seven (7) driveways along the section of road where the flooding problem exists that have no piping. It is Mr. Reiter’s opinion that the Hickory Township take into consideration the enactment of an ordinance requiring all driveway installations to include adequate pipe installation. Supervisors will discuss this with Solicitor Medure.

Dennis Bevan inquired about the status of the 2019 paving contracts. Supervisor Abranovich reiterated that the bid would be formally awarded at the conclusion of the evening’s public comments. Mr. Bevan also inquired about a sink hole on LaClair Drive and was informed that LHMA representatives viewed the area and will be responsible to work on that issue.

Ray Gennaro commented that this driveway has been washed out and had to be reconstructed three (3) times. He complained about the culvert installation on Lakewood Neshannock Falls Road across from the Reiber residence stating his opinion that the culvert was filled with too much gravel to handle a high rain water capacity. He feels that too much emphasis was placed on the protection of the Mayfly by the Conservation District. The Supervisors offered to Mr. Gennaro that engineering firms were hired to undertake the project, that a multitude of experienced workers inclusive of engineers, township officials, construction representatives, and representatives of the Lawrence County Conservation District were involved in the project, however during the last rain we received 2.5 inches of rainfall in a 30 minute span in an area already saturated with water. Flooding is inevitable given the circumstances. Supervisor Dean also stated that there was an on-site meeting with representatives of the Lawrence County Conservation District to discuss whether remedial work in the area is required.

Old Business: A motion was made by the Supervisor Dean and seconded by Supervisor Abroanovich to approve the following as part of the 2019 paving project: LaClair Drive; Lakewood-Neshannock Falls Road patch over the storm water abatement project; Fairground Road patch over the storm water abatement project; Michael Lane and Justin Lane. Sunview Drive, having been listed as Option 3 in the bid packet, was removed from the 2019 paving project. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bid packets for the 2019 paving projects were received from Protech Asphalt Maintenance, Inc. and Youngblood Paving, Inc. Bid totals for the approved projects (base bid, plus options 1 and 2) were as follows:

Protech Asphalt Maintenance, Inc.	\$95,058.40
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$95,931.71

Motion was made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Hall to award the bid to Protech Asphalt Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$95,058.40. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisors agreed at the previous meeting to execute a new Agility Agreement with PennDOT. A Motion to pass Resolution 19-2019 authorizing Supervisor Abranovich to sign the PennDOT Agility Agreement was made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion was made to institute a workplace safety committee by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried. There was a brief discussion about the purpose of the workplace safety committee with attendees, specifically, that the township could realize a 5% discount annually on the workers' compensation premium by having a workplace safety committee in place.

Motion was made by Supervisor Abranovich, seconded by Supervisor Hall to appoint the following members to the workplace safety committee: Michael Hall and Kathy Abranovich to serve as employer members; Bill Dean and Lisa Schlemmer to serve as employee members. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Abranovich, seconded by Supervisor Dean that the workplace safety committee meet monthly directly after the Hickory Township regular monthly meeting on the first Monday of the month, unless that Monday shall fall on a holiday, in which the meeting shall be the following Tuesday. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Abranovich to authorize the training of the workplace safety committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Abranovich explained safety provisions dictate that the township purchase flagging gear such as reflective vests, Stop/Slow paddles on poles, reflective cones, hard hats, etc. to comport with current requirements and standards. A Motion was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Abranovich to purchase flagging gear pursuant to current standards. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall offered that the township should utilize the services of PennBid for all future bidding processes. The options and services provided by PennBid were briefly discussed amongst those in attendance. Supervisor Hall made a motion to use PennBid for all future bidding, motion was seconded by Supervisor Abranovich. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Abranovich to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Motion carried.

Bills Due

General	\$ 1,617.23	
State	\$ 4,441.82	

General Fund

Balance as of 06/30/19	\$ 23,193.33	
Receipts		\$
Expenditures		\$
Balance as of 07/31/19	\$	

State Fund

Balance as of 06/30/19	\$ 121,014.04	
Receipts		\$
Expenditures		\$
Balance as of 07/31/19	\$	

Earned Income

Balance as of 06/30/19	\$ 58,081.07	
Receipts		\$
Expenditures		\$
Balance as of 07/31/19	\$	