

HICKORY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
**August 3, 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 Abranovich - Chairperson  
William Dean  
Michael Hall

Staff Present: Jason Medure, Esquire – Solicitor  
Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer  
Morgan Hill – Hickory Twp. Police Dept.

Other Attendees: Mike Dillow  
Gary Finley  
Thomas McCormick, Sr.  
Ed McConnell

Joshua Latore  
Dennis Bevan  
Richard Alley  
Tom Houston

Motion made by Supervisor Abranovich and seconded by Supervisor Hall to accept the minutes from the July 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, as corrected. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

The July police report was read by Officer Morgan Hill: 33 traffic stops; (2) 911 hang-up calls; 12 administrative; 6 assist other police; 2 medical assists; 2 burglar alarms; 1 burning compliant; 2 motor vehicle crashes; 1 disturbance; 3 fireworks complaints; 1 harassment; 9 property checks; 1 request to speak w/officer; 2 suspicious vehicles; 3 trees down; 1 welfare check.

**Building Permits**

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Claw, Inc.	2200 Eastbrook Road	Commercial car port/parking garage
Fred Eppinger	624 Moffatt Road	15' x 30' swimming pool & deck
Michael & Robert Dillow	1611 Harlansburg Road	Fencing along front and side yards
James Hunt	147 Lakewood Road	27' x 8' addition to garage for storage and porch
First United Brethren Church	1900 Eastbrook Road	Lobby addition, carport and renovations

**Public Comments:** None.

**Announcements:** The Laurel School District advised the Township that they have hired school police for the 2020-2021 school year, thus Hickory Township will no longer be providing police coverage.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hickory Twp. Police Department expires December 31, 2020. The Township has received a CBA proposal from the Hickory Township Police Union. Negotiations will ensue. Township officials anticipate having the new CBA in place by year end.

**Old Business:** The Lakewood-Neshannock Falls Road culvert replacement project is slated to begin August 15, 2020 in accordance with the restrictions set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The detour route will be posted at Briar Hill Road, Eastbrook-Neshannock Falls Road and Bowden Road. The project should be complete within three (3) weeks.

Laurel School District purchased the 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor police vehicle for the sum of \$3,000.00

**New Business:** Motion was made by Supervisor Hall to pass Resolution 2020-16 appointing Supervisor Abranovich as the authorized signatory for the Coronavirus Relief Fund Recipient Agreement with Lawrence County. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rich Alley inquired as to whether the Supervisors have considered passing a resolution or ordinance declaring the township a safe haven for gun owners, like other townships in the area have done. Supervisor Hall asked the Secretary if she was aware of what Mr. Alley was referring to. The Secretary clarified that the resolutions are called Second Amendment Sanctuary resolutions which serve to declare that municipalities will not comply with any gun restrictive law that it considers to be an unconstitutional restriction of the right to bear arms.

Supervisor Abranovich relayed a resident complaint about trees overhanging and falling on Lakewood-Neshannock Falls Road and inquired about whether the Road Department has the equipment and capability to trim the trees back in line with the road surface. Supervisor Hall stated that we can only trim back those which are in reach of our equipment. The Road Crew will view the area. A determination on whether to hire an independent contractor to clear the tree line will be revisited at a later date.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Dean to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 P.M. Motion carried.