

HICKORY TOWNSHIP
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 MONTHLY MEETING
December 2, 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: Morgan Hill – Hickory Twp. Police Dept.
 Lisa L. Schlemmer – Secretary/Treasurer
 Jason Medure, Esquire - Solicitor

Other Attendees: Chris Fabian Keith Hall
 Jon Sweet Richard Alley
 Gerald A. Lombardo

Motion made by Supervisor Abranovich and seconded by Supervisor Dean to accept the minutes from the November 4th regular meeting and the November 13th special meeting without correction. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report for November 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 November police report was offered by Officer Morgan Hill: 42 traffic stops; 1 alarm; 2 animal complaints; 1 medical assist; 1 domestic; 2 soliciting complaints; 3 suspicious activities; 1 suicide attempt; 5 thefts; 1 terroristic threat; 3 warrant services; and 9 miscellaneous calls for service

Building Permits:

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Diane Simmons	1211 E. Maitland Lane	Replace flat roof with peaked roof

Public Comments: Jon Sweet indicated his intention to construct a residence on his newly subdivided lot on Eastbrook Road and to keep the existing structure which he may decide to preserve in the future. Mr. Sweet asked whether two residences may be situate on a single lot. Supervisor Abranovich advised Mr. Sweet to review the Accessory Living Unit section of the Zoning Ordinance which specifies the criteria under which a resident may have an accessory living unit on the property. Supervisor Dean stated that Mr. Sweet can maintain the structure as a typical out building as long as it is not inhabited.

Gerald Lombardo complained about the state of the Dillow property located on Harlansburg Road.

Jon Sweet complained about a property located on Croton just before the New Castle city line with numerous vehicles.

Old Business: Supervisor Dean moved to adopt the approved 2020 budget, Supervisor Abranovich seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Abranovich provided an update on the status of the proposed Maintenance Garage project. Bids were opened on November 13th. There were seven bidders with bids ranging from \$380,000.00-\$550,000.00. This project is officially stalled due to the bids being outside the amount the township had budgeted for the project and debt limitation.

New Business: Supervisor Dean moved to hire an independent auditing firm for the 2019 fiscal year. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Abranovich. All in favor. Motion carried. The Secretary was directed to advertise the township's intention to hire an independent auditor in 2020.

Supervisor Hall moved to have township holiday observances congruent with the State and County offices. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Abranovich. All in favor. Motion carried. It was clarified that while the township may be closed to the public due to keeping with the State and local governmental closures, not all observances will be paid holidays for township staff.

Supervisor Abranovich read the thank you letter received from Lawrence County Recycling for hosting the October recycling event and the amounts of media and other non-typical recycling items that were collected.

Supervisor Abranovich read the letter received from Comcast advising of a program for low income families to receive internet services for \$9.95/mo. and a computer for \$150.00. A copy of the letter will be posted on the township bulletin board for anyone interested in contacting Comcast to inquire further about these services.

Supervisor Abranovich advised that the police car fleet has been upgraded by the purchase of a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria with very low mileage and idle hours and major repair work to restore the 2013 Ford Interceptor.

Supervisor Dean confirmed that work on Fairground Road is complete with the exception of the paving patch which will likely have to wait until 2020 when weather permits.

Supervisor Hall advised that the township salt and antiskid bins are at capacity in preparation of winter maintenance.

The Supervisors met for an executive session on November 26th to discuss personnel related matters.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Dean to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P.M. Motion carried.

A brief executive session was held after the meeting to discuss personnel related matters.