

HICKORY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
October 5, 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 J. Abranovich - Chairperson
William W. Dean
Michael E. Hall

Staff Present: Jason Medure, Esquire – Solicitor
Lisa L. Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer
Lt. Ronald Bongivengo – Hickory Twp. Police Dept.

Other Attendees: Larry Dillow Jennifer Miller
Richard Alley Tom Houston
Frank Cunningham Josh Latore
Dennis Bevan Wayne Patterson

Motion made by Supervisor Dean and seconded by Supervisor Hall to accept the minutes from the September 8th regular meeting without correction. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for September 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 September police report was read by Officer Bongivengo: (2) 911 hang-up calls; 2 accidents; 1 alarm; 2 ambulance calls; 2 animal complaints; 6 assist other police departments; 1 assist public; 2 assaults; 26 miscellaneous calls; 1 missing person; 5 police information; 4 suspicious conditions; 1 threat/harassment; and 14 traffic.

Building Permits

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
David & Darlene Genareo (Rich)	1725 Eastbrook Road	21' x 30' storage barn
Ryan Jones	945 E. Maitland Lane	24' x 24' pole building
Todd Boyer	437 Boyer Lane	20' x 12' x 10' storage shed
Matthew Eury	1880 LaClair Drive	20 x 12' shed
Matthew Eury	1880 LaClair Drive	36' x 18' in ground swimming pool
Fred Eppinger	624 Moffatt Road	24' x 12' shed
Stephen & Linda Duda	543 Continental Lane	16' x 76' 2021 mobile home
Evangel Community Church	1530 Harlansburg Road	Addition: wheelchair lift and stairs
Fred & Jane Bartsch	729 Bowden Road	170' x 24' x 13' pole building

Public Comments: Tom Houston wanted to know why the Hickory Township police car was sitting at the Laurel High School football game for hours last Friday night when Hickory Township no longer provides security police services to the school. He also inquired as to why the Hickory Township police car sits behind the building for countless hours when there is an officer on duty. He asked for more accountability from the police department.

Frank Cunningham wanted to know if the police are allowed to smoke in township vehicles. He reported that he saw a township officer smoking a cigar while sitting in a township police car. Supervisor Dean noted that he smokes in the township trucks. Dennis Bevan commented that there should be no smoking in any township owned vehicle.

Dennis Bevan inquired about whether the logging company working on LaClair Drive secured a road bond. Supervisor Abranovich confirmed that the proper bonds were provided to the township for that logging project.

Rich Alley noted that the new Ford Explorer police car has been missing for months and inquired about its whereabouts. Supervisor Abranovich advised that the car needed repair after an officer had hit a stump. The car came back, but was then returned to the shop for work due to it not running properly. Mr. Alley made further inquiry requesting specifics about the incident. Officer Bongivengo offered that the car was involved in an incident during a legitimate call for service.

Announcements: An announcement was read about the well cap leakage due to increased well pressurization that started on September 11, 2020. Approximately nine (9) Eastbrook wells have been affected. *(The entire announcement may be on the Hickory Township website.)* Tom Houston expanded on that announcement offering both a history and a status update as to the DEP investigation.

Old Business: The Lakewood Neshannock Falls Road culvert replacement project is complete with the exception of the asphalt patch. Once the area has settled the asphalt patch will be applied.

New Business: Motion was made by Supervisor Dean to have Halloween trick-or-treat observed in the Township from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 31st. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Abranovich. All in favor. Motion carried.

The budget workshop for the 2021 preliminary budget was scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Dean made a motion to approve the following Lawrence County tax exonerations:

Owner	Address	Real Estate Tax Change
Thomas R. Younger	625 Rich Drive	Exonerate interim bill of \$29,800.00
Thomas R. Younger	625 Rich Drive	\$24,000.00 correction
Thomas R. Hawk	620 Hartzell Road	\$3,300.00 correction
Willis Richeal	2464 Eastbrook Road	\$500.00 correction

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 7:24 P.M. Motion carried.

An executive session concerning personnel was held directly following the regular meeting.