

**HICKORY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
January 4, 2021**

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 - Vice Chairperson
Michael E. Hall

Staff Present: Jason Medure, Esquire – Solicitor
Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer
James Pisor – Patrolman, HTPD

Other Attendees: Joshua Latore Thomas Houston
Chris Fabian

Motion made by Supervisor Abranovich and seconded by Supervisor Hall to accept the minutes from the December 7th 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 provided by Officer Pisor and read by Supervisor Abranovich: 27 traffic stops; (1)911 hang-up; 5 administrative; 1 false alarm; 1 assist medical; 3 assist other police departments; 2 assist public; 2 disabled vehicles; 1 domestic; 1 DUI; 1 found property; 1 runaway juvenile; 1 PFA violation; 14 property checks; 2 requests to speak with an officer; 2 suspicious activity; 1 theft by unlawful taking; 1 trespass by motor vehicle; 1 warrant service; 1 welfare check

Building Permits: None

Public Comments: Tom Houston commented on seeing the article in the newspaper that Lawrence County will be charging a \$5.00 tax for every registered vehicle in the County to create the Lawrence County Transportation Improvement Grant. This Grant program will offer grants to municipalities within the County for road and bridge projects. Mr. Houston stated his opinion that an application for grant funds be filed as soon as possible by the Township to address the Devil's Elbow culvert replacement project.

Announcements: None

Old Business: Supervisor Hall provided an update on the delivery of the 2020 Ford truck. It was ordered in the Spring of 2020 and scheduled for outfitting and delivery by Fall of 2020. Issues with securing parts to outfit the truck for municipal use were encountered due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Supervisor Hall received word that the truck should be delivered within 1-2 weeks from the dealership. Secretary Schlemmer inquired as to whether the truck will be undercoated when received or whether undercoating will need to be arranged upon its arrival. Supervisor Hall replied that the truck will not be undercoated and an appointment will need to be scheduled.

There was additional discussion about the status of undercoating of all other municipal vehicles, inclusive of the police cars. Supervisor Abranovich indicated that the Ford Explorer police cruiser was scheduled for recall work at the local Ford dealership this week. The plan of action is to rotate all municipal vehicles to the undercoating agency once the Explorer has been returned to the Township.

New Business: Supervisor Dean made a motion to purchase a new AED unit and related supplies for the police department. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Abranovich. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Abranovich advised that Comcast has notified the Township via formal letter of their request to initiate renewal proceedings to negotiate an agreement for cable services to Township residents. The initiation of the process generally requires that within six (6) months of receipt of the letter that the Township afford residents that opportunity to identify cable-related needs and review Comcast's performance under the current agreement. Comcast must then submit a proposal.

Within four (4) months of the receipt of Comcast's proposal, the public will be afforded notice and opportunity to comment on the renewal proposal. The Township will either accept the proposal or issue a preliminary denial, thereby triggering further formal proceedings.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Dean to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 P.M. All in favor. Motion carried.