

HEMPFIELD

— TOWNSHIP —

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Supervisors Present: Mr. George Reese
Mr. R. Douglas Weimer
Mr. John Silvis

Mr. Bill Bretz
Mr. Tom Logan (arrival at 7:11 pm)

Staff Present: Mr. Jason Winters
Mr. Scott Avolio
Mr. Patrick Karnash
Mr. Lloyd Fait
Mr. Anthony Kovacic

Mr. Aaron Siko
Mr. Dan Schmitt
Mr. Doug Cisco
Mr. James Shaw
Mrs. Callie Krueger

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors, held at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman, George Reese.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS (AS PER RESOLUTION #2012-24)

1. Wendy McCann – 324 Taggart Drive – Mrs. McCann is asking the Township to amend the zoning code for the keeping of backyard chickens. Her family is waiting for the official decision from the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the keeping of their chickens. She noted that if you are a resident of the Township and you have chickens that you keep well hidden or have no complaints from your neighbors, there are no issues and you are allowed to keep your chickens. She has started gathering signatures for a petition on having the zoning code changed and has started a Facebook group in support of the changes. She is asking for the community's support for the change.
2. Jim Blackburn – 1167 Swede Hill Road – Mr. Blackburn is asking the Township to amend the zoning code for the keeping of backyard chickens. He supports the changes that need to be made within the township and noted that comprehensive plan that is in development now. He feels that the McCann Family and others like them should be allowed to keep their backyard chickens.
3. Terry McCann – 324 Taggart Drive – Mr. McCann is asking the Township to amend the zoning code for the keeping of backyard chickens. He paid for a Zoning Hearing Board where they made a ruling and is waiting for the official decision. He feels that he and his family and supporters made a solid case on their behalf and the ZHB still said no. The Township views this code on a case-by-case basis. He mentioned that he attended the Comprehensive Plan Meeting at Harrold but it was sparsely attended.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. September 21, 2022 – Legal & Personnel
2. October 19, 2022 – Legal & Personnel

Mr. Reese stated that Executive Sessions were held on the above listed dates.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the September 26, 2022 Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting

Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2022 Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

E. STAFF REPORTS – (WRITTEN REPORTS DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO MEETING)

Jason Winters – Township Manager – Station 500 Project is wrapping up and should be done by Thanksgiving. He attended the Opioid Fund meeting with other municipalities and there is still a lot of information to come on those funds. The infrastructure project list is ready to turn in to the county.

Aaron Siko – Assistant Township Manager & Director of Parks & Recreation – Trunk or Treat was held over the weekend; it was very successful. December 3rd will be Santa in the Park and the Craft Show. Basketball registration is open. The Fall DCNR Grant application for a potential new park is on the agenda for consideration.

Patrick Karnash – Director of Planning & Zoning – There will be an HT30 Committee meeting on November 2nd at 3:30 at the Municipal Building.

Anthony Kovacic – Township Fire Chief – October is Fire Prevention Month. Fire Prevention Night was held at Westmoreland Mall. Chief Kovacic believes that Live! Casino is a good partnership. The Fire Department had and continues to have an active month for fire prevention, going to schools and daycares to speak to kids about fire prevention awareness.

Doug Cisco – Director of Public Works – Work done for underdrain in Maplewood. In-house paving is being completed.

Lloyd Fait – Director of Finance – Revenues are at 92% and Expenses are at 67%.

James Shaw – Director of Code & Safety – Speed Trailers are working great.

Dan Schmitt – Township Engineer – MS4 Reminder to residents: never apply fertilizers or pesticides to your lawn before rain.

Scott Avolio – Township Solicitor – Act 57 Ordinance is being prepared for the Board for consideration.

F. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Logan stated that the Treasurer's Report was given at the work session Wednesday and there was nothing additional to add.

G. PAYMENT OF BILLS

1. Consideration to Approve the following Payment of Bills

- a. Fund 100 – General Fund - \$1,699,100.46**
- b. Fund 202 – Light District Fund - \$8,288.10**
- c. Fund 420 – Bond Issue Fund - \$233.76**
- d. Fund 493 – ARPA Fund - \$18,087.19**

Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Silvis to approve the payment of bills as listed above. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

H. ITEMS FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- 1. Consideration to Approve Ordinance No. 2022-08; Authorizing the Placement of a Stop Sign at the Intersection of St. Thomas Place and Buckingham Drive**
Mr. Bretz made a motion seconded by Mr. Silvis to approve Ordinance No. 2022-08. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 2. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2022-139; Granting Final Approval for the Twin Mini Convenience Shops LLC Consolidation Plan – Plan No. PA-22-32**

 - **Applicant: Gabriel Volante**
 - **Location: Intersection of Route 136 and Willow Crossing Road**
 - **Purpose: to consolidate three deed tracts in two separate deeds into one parcel**
 - **Planning Commission: 6-0**

Mr. Reese made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Resolution No. 2022-139. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 3. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2022-140; Granting Final Approval for the Penn Line Services-Mason Park Site Plan – Plan No. PA-22-29**

 - **Applicant: Penn Line Real Estate Holdings**
 - **Location: Ligonier Drive**
 - **Purpose: to develop the site with two field offices and three storage structures**
 - **Planning Commission: 6-0**

Mr. Logan made a motion seconded by Mr. Silvis to approve Resolution No. 2022-140. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 4. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2022-141; Approving the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Tommy’s Carwash – Tax Map No. 50-13-12-0-092**
Mr. Logan made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Resolution No. 2022-141. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 5. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2022-142; Approving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation NBIS Bridge Inspection Consultant Selection Procedures and Appoint Three Members to the Qualification Committee**
Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Reese to approve Resolution No. 2022-142. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 6. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2022-143; Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Westmoreland County for the 2022 CDBG Grant for the Removal of Architectural Barriers Phase 3 ADA Improvements at Hempfield Park and Authorize the Township Manager to Sign all Needed Documents**
Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Resolution No. 2022-143. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 7. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2022-144; Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement 21-14 with Westmoreland County for the 2021 CDBG Grant for the Removal of Architectural Barriers at Hempfield Park (Increase of \$10,000.00 to the Grant Award) and Authorize the Township Manager to Sign all Needed Documents**
Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Resolution No. 2022-144. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- 8. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2022-145; Authorizing the Submission of the 2023 Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Grant for Green Valley Road and Authorize the Township Manager to Sign All Needed Documents**
Mr. Reese made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Resolution No. 2022-145. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 9. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2022-146; Authorizing the Submission of the 2022 DCNR Grant Application in the Amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the Weatherwood Community Park Development – Phase 1 and Authorize the Township Manager to Sign all Needed Documents**
Mr. Logan made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Resolution No. 2022-146. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 10. Consideration to Authorize the Township Solicitor to Advertise an Ordinance to Amend the Hempfield Township Municipal Code to Comply with the State Legislative Mandate of Act 57 of 2022**
Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to authorize the Township Solicitor to Advertise and Ordinance to amend the Hempfield Township Municipal Code to comply with the State Legislative Mandate Act 57 of 2022. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 11. Consideration to Authorize the Submission of the Westmoreland County Municipal Infrastructure Priorities Survey**
Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to authorize the submission of the Westmoreland County Municipal Priorities Survey. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 12. Consideration to Authorize the Township Manager to Advertise the Annual Commodity Bids**
Mr. Logan made a motion seconded by Mr. Reese to authorize the Township Manager to Advertise the Annual Commodity Bids. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 13. Consideration to Approve and Authorize the Township Manager to Advertise the 2023 Hempfield Township Preliminary Budget**
Mr. Logan made a motion seconded by Mr. Reese to approve and authorize the Township Manager to advertise the 2023 Hempfield Township Preliminary Budget. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. Mr. Logan noted that there is no increase to the millage rate for the year.
- 14. Consideration to Authorize the Township Solicitor to Advertise a Zone Change Hearing for 150 Lopes Lane, Tax Map No. 50-20-00-0-108 to be Scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7 pm**
Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise a Zone Change Hearing for 150 Lopes Lane, Tax Map No. 50-20-00-0-108, to be scheduled for Monday November 28, 2022 at 7 pm. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 15. Consideration to Accept the Resignation of Jason Winters as Township Manager Effective December 2, 2022**
Mr. Logan made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to accept the Resignation of Jason Winters as Township Manager effective December 2, 2022. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- 16. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #2 to H.L. Thomas, Inc. in the Amount of \$9,000.00 for the Fire Department HQ Station 500 Project No. 22C-007**
Mr. Reese made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Pay Estimate #2 to H.L. Thomas, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the Fire Department HQ Station 500 Project No. 22C-007. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

17. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #3 to TP Electric, Inc. in the Amount of \$52,716.82 for the Fire Department HQ Station 500 Project No. 22C-007

Mr. Logan made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Pay Estimate #3 to TP Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$52,716.82 for the Fire Department HQ Station 500 Project No. 22C-007. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

18. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #4 to Graham Construction in the Amount of \$86,827.50 for the Fire Department HQ Station Project No. 22C-007

Mr. Reese made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Pay Estimate #4 to Graham Construction in the amount of \$86,827.50. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

19. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #5 (Final) to Curry & Kepple in the Amount of \$5,692.40 for the Walden Court Stormwater Bioretention Pond – Contract 6/2021

Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Pay Estimate #5 (Final) to Curry & Kepple in the amount of \$5,692.40 for the Walden Court Stormwater Bioretention Pond – Contract 6/2021. Vote: 4-1 (Logan). Motion carried.

20. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #3 to Derry Construction Co., Inc. in the Amount of \$450,096.92 for 2022 Hot Mix Paving Program – Contract 1/2022

Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Logan to approve Pay Estimate #3 to Derry Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$450,096.92 for 2022 Hot Mix Paving Program – Contract 1/2022. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

21. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #1 to Green Mechanical Services in the Amount of \$31,465.15 for Hempfield Park Lower Concession Stand Renovations and ADA Walkways – Contract 5/2022

Mr. Reese made a motion seconded by Mr. Weimer to approve Pay Estimate #1 to Green Mechanical Services in the amount of \$31,465.15 for Hempfield Park Lower Concession Stand Renovations and ADA Walkways – Contract 5/2022. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

22. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #3 to Tresco Paving Corp. in the Amount of \$124,001.78 for Racetrack Road Reconstruction – Contract 3/2022

Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve Pay Estimate #3 to Tresco Paving Corp. in the amount of \$124,001.78 for Racetrack Road Reconstruction – Contract 3/2022. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

23. Consideration to Approve an Emergency Pipelining to the Pipe Damage on Almont Lane with Pipelining Inc. in the Amount of \$118,170.20

Mr. Reese made a motion seconded by Mr. Weimer to approve an Emergency Pipelining to the pipe damage on Almont Lane with Pipelining Inc. in the amount of \$118,170.20. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

24. Consideration to Approve the Following Emergency Service Applications as Members of the Hempfield Fire Department, to be effective Upon the Township Receiving a Physical Report from the Township Physician Stating that the Individual is Capable of Performing Activities Related to the Appointed Position and Successful Criminal History and Act 153 Clearance Requirements

Name	Position	Fire Station
Salem Mettler	Jr. Firefighter	Grapeville Station
Sarah Morales	Sr. Firefighter	Grapeville Station
Cheyenne Ashbaugh	Sr. Firefighter	Carbon Station
Justin Calisti	Sr. Firefighter Transfer	West Point to Hempfield #2

Mr. Weimer made a motion seconded by Mr. Bretz to approve the listed Emergency Service applicants as Members of the Hempfield Fire Department, effective upon the township receiving a physical report from

the township physical stating that the individual is capable of performing activities related to the appointment position and successful criminal history and Act 153 clearance requirements. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

I. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

J. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

K. SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Mr. John Silvis – Sees nothing wrong with the keeping of backyard chickens so long as it is in a controlled environment.

Mr. Tom Logan – Thanked the staff and supervisors for getting the preliminary budget put together and another year of not raising taxes.

Mr. Bill Bretz – Echoed Mr. Logan’s remarks. In regards to the McCann family, he looks forward to a conversation to see what can be accomplished

Mr. Doug Weimer – The staff and supervisors put together an excellent budget and the township is at a historic number of years not raising taxes. The preliminary budget will need ironed out a bit. Halloween is coming up and residents are asked to be careful on the roads. Mr. Weimer also unveiled the 250th Anniversary logo for Hempfield Township.

Mr. George Reese – Appreciates all the effort put in to create the budget. He also appreciates the efforts put forth by the McCann family.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 7:38 pm by Chairman, George C. Reese.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY