

HICKORY TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024

The organizational 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 Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, William W. Dean, immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisors Present: Michael E. Hall
Christopher J. Fabian
William W. Dean

Staff Present: Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer
Bobbiejo Walker - HTPD

Other Attendees: Josh Latore Tom Houston
Andrew Richards Tom McCormick
Sgt. Joseph Olayer, PSP

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:			
• Chairperson: Christopher J. Fabian	BD	MH	MC
• Vice Chairperson: Michael E. Hall	BD	CF	MC
• Regular Monthly Meetings: 1 st Monday of the month @7:00 PM unless the Monday shall fall upon a holiday in which case the meeting shall be held the Tuesday following the holiday.	MH	BD	MC
SECRETARY/TREASURER: Lisa L. Schlemmer @ \$19.35/hr.; \$60.00/mtg. 64 vacation hours; 24 personal/sick hours	BD	MH	MC
SOLICITOR: Jason Medure, Esquire @ \$ 125.00/hr.	MH	BD	MC
DEPOSITORY: First National Bank	MH	BD	MC
PLANNING COMMISSION:			
• Board: Kevin Mahoney	BD	MH	
• Regular Monthly Meetings: 3 rd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 PM as long as business has been presented for consideration. (Business must be presented to the Twp. ten (10) days prior to meeting date.)	BD	MH	MC
LHMA SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD: Tom Houston	BD	MH	MC
SEWER ENFORCEMENT: Waltz Consultants	BD	MH	MC
VACANCY BOARD: Michael Schlemmer	MH	BD	MC
ROADMASTER(S): All three(3) Supervisors to act as Roadmasters: William W. Dean, Michael E. Hall & Christopher J. Fabian	CF	BD	MC
BUILDING PERMIT FEES: \$50.00/1 st \$10,000.00 + \$1.00/additional \$1,000.00	BD	CF	MC
ZONING HEARING BOARD:			
• Board: Dave Stanford	MH	CF	MC
• Nonconforming Use Hearing fee \$750.00 + court reporting service	MH	CF	MC
• Zoning Appeal Hrg. \$750.00 (includes court reporting service)	MH	CF	MC
ENGINEERING FIRMS: Frank B. Taylor Engineering (Resolution 2024-1)	CF	MH	MC
Kurtanich Engineering & Assoc., Inc. (Resolution 2024-2)	CF	MH	MC
AUDITOR VACANCY: Andrew D. Richards	CF	BD	MC

HICKORY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 2, 2024

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 Chairman, Christopher J. Fabian.

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Supervisor Hall made a motion to accept the December 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes without correction. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

The December Treasurer's Report was read. Supervisor Dean made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay all regular, incoming bills and payroll. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report of Police Activities for the month of December: 3 alarms, 1 hit and run crash; 1 theft by deception; 1 retail theft; 4 property checks; 8 traffic related violations; 1 road debris; 1 fire/EMS assist

Building Permits:

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Kevin D. Patterson	831 McCaslin Road	32' x 48' x 12' pole bldg. for Ag storage
Sandra Sesko	120 Independence Lane	New mobile home

Announcements: The Lawrence County District Attorney's Office has procured Flock Safety to install license plate reading cameras near the intersection of SR 108 & SR 388. Cameras will be placed on existing telephone poles within the PennDOT right-of-way.

Public Comments: Sgt. Joseph Olayer, introduced himself as the new officer in charge of the Pennsylvania State Police at the New Castle-Troop D barracks. He offered PSP assistance for any issue plaguing the Township. There was a brief discussion about speeders and the PSP working in collaboration with the HTPD to enforce speed limits. The Supervisors will advise of problem areas and be in contact with Sgt. Olayer.

Hickory VFD Fire Chief, Tom McCormick wanted to know why the Supervisors did not raise the fire tax again this year. McCormick said that the VFD needs help and he "sees everything else going up around here, except for the fire tax". There were no tax hikes this year. McCormick was again reminded that the tax percentages are determined in October during the budget meeting. No one from the VFD showed up to the budget meeting. The VFD has neither clearly communicated the depth of their financial position nor provided any financial statements or reports for review. Supervisor Fabian said that the Supervisors are willing to sit down and discuss the VFD's needs and instructed McCormick to contact the Township to schedule a meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The John J. Byler subdivision consisting of 10.0 acres located at 790 Hartzell Road was reviewed as submitted. Said Plan was reviewed by the Hickory Township Planning Commission on December 21, 2023 who recommended approval contingent upon receipt of the sanitary sewer planning approval letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Supervisor Dean made the motion to approve the subdivision contingent upon receipt of the sanitary sewer planning approval letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fabian made the motion to approve adding §§ 706.1 Media Protection Policy & 707.2 Media Destruction Policy to the Hickory Township Police Department Policy Manual. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. was made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.