

HICKORY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 2, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Hickory Township Board of Supervisors held at the Hickory Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson William W. Dean.

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

Staff Present: Jason Medure – Solicitor
Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer

Other Attendees: Sam Audia Marla Brown
Dennis Bevan Gary Finley
Thomas Houston

Motion to accept the April meeting minutes without correction was made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

The April Treasurer's Report and bill summaries were read. Motion to pay the current bills, payroll and all incoming, regular bills was made by Supervisor Fabian. Seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report of Police Activities: There was no police officer at the meeting and no report was provided for the month of April.

Building Permits:

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Theodore Tintsman	139 Hanna Lane	48' x 48' garage/storage
Philip Ketzal	2045 Eastbrook Road	40' x 50' garage/storage
Jereme & Carrie Farone	1834 Eastbrook Road	Above ground swimming pool

Announcements: Residents have been alerted that the highly contagious avian influenza is prevalent in Pennsylvania and has resulted in approximately 4 million chickens being killed thus far. Bird owners need to be vigilant. Per the USDA, bird owners with sick or dead birds must immediately report to state and local officials through either their veterinarian or the APHIS toll-free number of 1-866-536-7593. APHIS strongly suggests that birds be brought indoors to prevent further exposures. The disease also infects wild birds such as turkeys, pheasants and ducks. Report sick, dying or dead birds immediately to the PDA Bureau of Animal Health at 1-717-772-2852 and press 1 to be connected to a veterinarian. Updates can be found at extension.psu.edu/avian/influenza. More than 22 million commercial chickens and turkeys have been put down in the United States since February. This number does not include pheasant, duck and other farms.

Public Comments: Denny Bevan complained about barking dogs on LaClair Drive and asked if there was an Animal Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Bevan was advised that there was in fact an Animal Nuisance Ordinance and a correlating Animal Nuisance Complaint form. Anyone seeking assistance with nuisance animals must complete the complaint form and submit it to the Hickory Township Police Department for intervention.

Old Business: The pay rates of the Solicitor and Secretary/Treasurer were not set at the January Reorganization Meeting. Therefore, Supervisor Hall made a motion to set the pay rates for the Solicitor at \$125.00/hr. and Secretary/Treasurer \$17.00/hr. respectively, retroactive to January 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall announced that he continues to secure bids for the continuation of tree trimming along Lakewood Neshannock Falls Road. Tree trimming began in 2021 is being done in sections dependent on the lines being cleared by Penn Power and workforce availability.

New Business: The Lawrence County Fair requested letters permitting their vendors to secure Special Occasion Permits for alcohol sales through the PLCB for various events to be held at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds in 2022. Supervisor Hall made a motion to issue letters of approval for alcohol permits to be secured for the following events: Lights Fest on May 21st, Truck & Tractor Pull on either June 4th or 6th (TBD); Lawrence County Fair from August 15th-20th, Coachmen Club Gun Raffle on June 25th. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Volant VFD requested letters permitting them to secure Special Occasion Permits for alcohol sales at their gun raffle events on May 14th and September 17th. Supervisor Fabian made a motion to issue said letters. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-6: America250PA Resolution. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

The subdivision of Darrell L. Mitcheltree was submitted for review and approval, having been approved by the Planning Commission at their April 21st meeting. Supervisor Hall made a motion to accept said Plan. Supervisor Dean seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fabian made a motion to amend the Agenda to include an issue that the Supervisor's had only been made aware of the same day of the meeting. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion to amend the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried. The amendment consists of permitting members of the Hickory Township Police Department to work an extra security detail for the Volant VFD gun raffle on May 14th pending and contingent upon Board of Supervisor approval of the terms and conditions of the work agreement. Supervisor Dean made a motion to potentially permit the extra duty security detail pending approval of the terms of the agreement. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. was made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board held an Executive Session directly after the meeting to discuss personnel issues.