

**HICKORY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 6, 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.

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

Staff Present: Jason Medure, Solicitor
Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer
Morgan Hill, OIC - HTPD

Other Attendees: Tom Houston
Pete Sirianni – New Castle News
Ricky Trinidad, Michael Mansour - for Kingdom Place
Attorney David Montgomery – counsel for Kingdom Place

Supervisor Dean made a motion to accept the April 1, 2024 meeting minutes without correction. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

The April Treasurer's Report was read. Supervisor Dean made the 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 April was read by OIC Hill: 3 property checks; 1 assist to fire/EMS or other PD; 1 traffic related arrest; 4 traffic warnings; 1 reportable crash; 1 request to speak with officer; 1 theft of leased property; 1 trespass of motor vehicle; 1 alarm; 1 tree down; and 1 fraud (Total calls:16)

Building Permits:

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Henry J. Sniezek	423 McCaslin Road	40' x 56' post frame horse barn
Steve Reeher/Matthew Reeher	1070 Hartzell Road	60' x 30' x 19.5' AG equipment/vehicle storage
Norbrax Properties, LLC/R. Kuhn	3133 Eastbrook Volant Rd.	20' x 32' x 10' addition to existing pole building for equipment storage
John Karski	1022 Brandy Way	60' x 60' addition to existing garage for storage

Announcements: PennDOT issued a letter of warning concerning nuisance signs. No signs may be placed along state routes with the strict exception of traffic control signs. Attaching any device or sign to a state sign/sign post/PennDOT property is prohibited. All non- traffic related signs require a permit before being installed along a state route. Even municipalities cannot attach a speed control device or sign unless PennDOT issues a permit. The PennDOT sign crew has begun to remove signs throughout the County. Signs may be collected at the PennDOT garage on Wilmington Road within 30 days. Thereafter, all collected signs will be destroyed or recycled.

Public Comments: Tom Houston asked about flashing speed limit signs and complained about the speeding through Eastbrook. Mr. Houston was reminded of the Township's recent research into those types of signs. Supervisor Fabian also mentioned the PennDOT letter about signs and devices along PennDOT roadways, such as Eastbrook Road a/k/a SR 168. The Supervisors agreed to refresh their research periodically in the interest of finding a suitable option.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to add the approval of the ARPA Agreement with Lawrence County. The Township was made aware of the need and purpose for this Agreement within the last 24 hours. Motion seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Supervisor Dean made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-7 to amend the budget to appropriate ARPA funds as follows: \$10,000.00 to LHMA to purchase pumps and related equipment; \$10,000.00 to the Hickory Township Volunteer Fire Department to defray rising operation costs/training; and \$160,180.00 to purchase the new Hyundai HL930A Wheel Loader from Highway Equipment Company. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-8 concerning the purchase of the Hyundai Wheel Loader, Model HL930A, for the adjusted price of \$160,180.00. The adjustment was a savings of \$9,610.00 from the originally quoted price approved at the last meeting. ARPA funds will be used for the purchase and Supervisor Fabian was authorized to sign any documents to effectuate said purchase. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve a Quickbooks desktop upgrade to the Enterprise version. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve the Developers Agreement with Kingdom Place, LLC contingent upon receipt and review of asset protection documentation as required in paragraph 4 of said Agreement. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dean made a motion to approve the Lawrence County ARPA Agreement concerning the Township receiving and administering ARPA funding from the County to LHMA. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried. This allocation addresses the emergency purchase of pumps to avoid property damage and maintain continuity of the sanitary sewer system service. Motion

Supervisor Hall made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M. Motion seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.