HICKORY TOWNSHIP **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

November 3, 2025

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 - via telephone

Staff Present:

Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer

Other Attendees:

Neal Miller

Phineas Byler Mike Dillow

Tim Altman Ashley Ott

Penny Fraser Aiden Ott

Charlie Miller Brian Rogers

William Peak Kathy Abranovich

Nicholas Vercilla Jon Sweet

Chelsea Houenou

Tom Houston

Supervisor Hall made a motion to accept the October 6, 2025 regular meeting minutes and October 28, 2025 special meeting minutes without correction. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Building Permits:

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Teresa Smith	Fair @ 464 Midway Road	Haunted house event @ Lawrence Co. Fairgrounds- temporary structure-Occupancy Permit only
Andy J. & Rebecca J. Byler	1204 Bowden Road	980 sq. ft. Ag storage building on a gravel base

Announcements: The Planning Commission accepted the resignation of Kevin Mahoney at their October 16, 2025 meeting. The Township thanks Kevin for 10 years of service in this capacity and wishes him well in all future endeavors. The Supervisors will appoint someone to serve the remainder of Kevin's term. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission may send a letter of interest to the Hickory Township Board of Supervisors at 2375 Eastbrook Road, New Castle, PA 16105 for consideration.

Public Comments: Mike Dillow announced that he was running a write-in campaign for Township Supervisor and commented on his perception of various Township matters such as the disbanding of the police department, his displeasure with PSP service call times and Township transparency.

Jon Sweet asked what road work is being done in the Township. The Supervisors informed him of the areas involved with the 2025 paving project as well as ditch cleaning, patching and pipe replacement activities that have been done this year. Mr. Sweet complained about a spot on Moffatt Road where cars are driving off the road, dropping over the berm and creating a sizable hole. Supervisor Hall said that he has filled that hole with stone numerous times. Supervisor Hall said that people are driving too fast and driving off the roadway. Sweet was adamant that the hole should be filled over and over regardless of how many times it happens. The Supervisors were asked if the Township could widen the road. The Supervisors explained that the right-of-way boundaries are set and the Township cannot buy all the private property along a road to widen it and appease speeders. Sweet commented that the Township should just get the PSP out to cover the speeding. Supervisor Fabian remarked on the increase of PSP presence in the Township and said that the PSP has written considerable more citations that have been written in the past few years.

Tim Altman and Penny Fraser complained that the Township dug up a section of Ms. Fraser's driveway when they replaced her driveway pipe. Ms. Fraser said that after the job was done she spoke to number of people who think that the Township should pay for her driveway to be repaved. Supervisors Fabian and Hall offered a brief history of this matter. A driveway pipe is the property of the landowner, not the Township. Ms. Fraser's driveway pipe was clogged and deteriorated causing flowing to the roadway, neighbors, etc. All three Supervisors spoke with Ms. Fraser at different times and she agreed with the plan of action well in advance of any work taking place. Discussion continued. The Supervisors have consulted the Township Solicitor about his matter.

Mr. Dillow complained about the flooding caused by the Kingdom Place development. He claims that the flooding is causing damage to driveways and property along SR 108 and asked what the Township was going to do about it. The Supervisors informed Mr. Dillow that SR 108 is a PennDOT roadway over which the Township has no jurisdiction. Further, if he has claims for damages caused by a neighbor, he can seek legal advice on civil matters from an attorney of his choice.

<u>Old Business</u>: Supervisor Hall made the motion to approve the 2026 preliminary budget and exit it to the Secretary to for advertisement and posting for public inspection. Supervisor Fabian seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The Supervisors intend to formally adopt the final 2026 budget at the December 1, 2025 regular meeting.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to untable consideration of the Final Land Development Plan of Wilmington Woodworks, LLC. Motion to untable was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried. There was a brief discussion about the outstanding components concerning the development. The Supervisors reviewed additional materials and an updated Plan. Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve the Land Development Plan. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

<u>New Business</u>: Supervisor Dean made a motion to pass Resolution #2025-8 adopting the 2025 Lawrence County Hazard Mitigation Updated Plan. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dean made a motion to approve a change order for the 2025 Paving Project. The change order resulted in a reduction from the \$108,405.97 original contract with Youngblood Paving, Inc. to \$102,655.43. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Township received the following sealed bids for the sale of the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria:

Bidder:	Amount:
Christopher Fabian, II	\$1,550.00
Beyond Corp.	\$2,500.00

Supervisor Hall made a motion to accept the bid of Beyond Corp. in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Township received the following sealed bids for the sale of the Township's Ford 7740 tractor with 50" boom mower and ditcher:

Bidder:	Amount:
Bill Allen	\$3,400.00
Beyond Corp.	\$6,500.00
John Goebel	\$3,453.00

Supervisor Hall made a motion to accept the bid of Beyond Corp. in the amount of \$6,500.00. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Dillow stated his displeasure with the sale of Township equipment because he does not know their value.

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