

HICKORY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
June 5, 2023

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, Michael E. Hall.

Supervisors Present: Michael E. Hall  
William W. Dean

Staff Present: Jason Medure, Esquire – Solicitor  
Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer  
Bobbiejo Walker – HTPD patrolman

Other Attendees: Gary Finley Josh Latore  
Lori Zulauf Jim Litwinowicz  
Dave Stanford Tom Houston

Supervisor Dean made a motion to accept the May 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes without correction. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

The May Treasurer's Report was read. Supervisor Dean made a motion to 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 May: There were 41 total incidents comprised of the following: 11 requests to speak with an officer; 8 thefts; (5) 911 hang-ups; 4 assist other agencies/EMS/Fire; 3 motor vehicle accidents; 2 animal complaints; 2 alarms; 2 administrative; 1 trespass; 1 tree down; 1 welfare check; 1 suspicious person/vehicle

**Building Permits:**

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Michael Karavias	513 Cameron Road	24' x 28' detached garage

**Public Comments:** Tom Houston stated that LHMA contacted the local PA Game Warden about the beaver dam backing up the swamp at or near the intersection of Cameron Road and Harlansburg Road near the LHMA lift station. A resolution is expected in the near future.

Dave Stanford presented pictures of strewn garbage from possibly cats or raccoons which he believes are coming from the Venasco house on Harlansbug Road. He complained about the high grass and wanted to know what ordinances the Township has about these matters. Mr. Stanford was advised that all avenues available are being explored concerning the Venasco property. The property was posted with an Order to Vacate and the certified mail notice about the condition of the property was served upon the owner. Solicitor Medure explained to Mr. Stanford that the process is long and favors property owners.

**Old Business:** Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve Marshall Tree Experts, Inc. continuing roadside tree trimming along Rodgers Road. The cost to finish trimming Rodgers Road is \$4,500.00. Supervisor Dean seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:** The Subdivision of James Litwinowicz for property located on S.R. 108/Harlansburg Road was reviewed as submitted. Said Plan had been reviewed and approved by the Hickory Township Planning Commission on May 18, 2023. Supervisor Dean made the motion to accept the Litwinowicz Subdivision. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Subdivision and Lot Consolidation of Richard and Elizabeth Jones and Robert and Catherine Kennedy for property located on Cameron Road was reviewed as submitted. Said Plan had been reviewed and approved by the Hickory Township Planning Commission on May 18, 2023. Supervisor Hall made the motion to accept the Jones/Kennedy Subdivision and Lot Consolidation. Supervisor Dean seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dean made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-9 concerning the purge of archived municipal records in accordance with the retention and disposition schedule of the PA Municipal Records Manual for Local Government Records. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dean made a motion to increase the Township subdivision fee from \$125.00 to \$200.00. There was a brief discussion about the previous fee and how it did not cover the Township's basic costs to process subdivisions. There was consensus that an increase is warranted and overdue. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dean made a motion to submit a letter requesting demolition of 265 Sophia Drive to the Lawrence County Planning Commission. The structure is illegal, dilapidated and vacant. An Order to Vacate was posted on the premises and certified mail notification was properly served. The Lawrence County Planning Commission will seek funding to cover the costs of demolition through the CDBG planning program. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to complete the annual County Aid application to seek funding from the Lawrence County Liquid Fuels Program to replace aging Township equipment continually needing repair. Supervisor Dean seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M. was made by Supervisor Dean and seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

An executive session was held directly after the meeting to discuss personnel matters.