

**HICKORY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
July 13, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hickory Township Board of Supervisors held at the Hickory Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:00 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: Barbara Vranjican                      Becki Stiger  
Gary Finley    Tom Houston

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

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

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

**Building Permits:**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposed Improvement</b>
Tracy Wicks	535 Cameron Road Rear	10' x 12' freestanding deck
Andrew Changoway	1883 LaClair Drive	32' x 16' x 4' inground pool, concrete walkway & fencing
Todd Boyer	437 Boyer Lane	24' x 24' x 10' detached garage
Todd Boyer	437 Boyer Lane	8'x 10' barn style shed & 8'x 8' garden shed

**Announcements:** None

**Public Comments:** Tom Houston expressed his displeasure with the Hickory Township Police Department stating that they are costing the Township money and are not performing. He complained that the HTPD is not undertaking any measures to mitigate the rampant speeding through Eastbrook. Mr. Houston wanted to know why the Hickory Township Police Department is not using the VASCAR system that they have. Supervisor Fabian stated that Township officers are trained to use the VASCAR and that 63 citations were issued just last month. Houston stated that speeding has been a topic of conversation for more than three (3) years and nothing has been done. He again warned the Supervisors about all of the children that walk and bike through Eastbrook and stated his concern that one of them is going to be seriously hurt or killed if the speeding is not stopped. There was a brief discussion about recent speeding and HTPD sightings and intervention efforts amongst those in attendance.

Barbara Vranjican inquired as to what is going on with Sunview Drive. Supervisor Dean replied that the road will be paved. Ms. Vranjican made numerous inquiries about the Sunview Drive project such as why the project is taking so long, who makes the decisions about what is done and how it is done, what are the qualifications of the Supervisor who is making all of these decisions, why there was no engineer involved in the process, what the work is costing the Township and a myriad of specific questions about the placement of the pipes, drop boxes, grates that have been installed. Supervisor Dean replied that he makes the decisions about the road maintenance. Mr. Vranjican voiced additional concerns about the project and her opinion that the Sunview Drive work is inappropriate and has many property owners upset. She stated that her parents have lived at the house for over 67 years and there has never been a water issue on that road. She stated that a

cross pipe was placed in front of her house which is the high point of Sunview Drive and questioned the installation of a pipe where there is no water. Supervisor Dean offered some general points about surface water, subsurface water, how the road can dam up water, and issues with PennDOT drains on S.R. 168. Ms. Vranjican stated that she and other residents were very upset with the Township because there was no notice of the proposed work and no discussion about the proposed work with the residents who live on Sunview Drive. Supervisor Fabian ended the discussion by telling Ms. Vranjican that she and the residents of Sunview Drive will be notified when paving will be done and that all residents will have ingress and egress from Sunview Drive throughout the paving process.

Gary Finley stated that he had to call 911 for a burning violation incident at the end of Newman Road recently. He wanted to know whether the Hickory Township VFD issued a warning or a citation. There were multiple violations involved in the incident. The offender burns all of the time without repercussion. Mr. Finley stated that he intends to continue to report the burning until something is done. He was referred to speak with the members of the Hickory Township VFD who were dispatched to the scene about the status of the offenses.

**Old Business:** Supervisor Hall made a motion to remove the Solar Ordinance from the table. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor Hall then made the motion to adopt the Solar Ordinance. Supervisor Fabian seconded the motion. Supervisors Hall and Fabian in favor. Supervisor Dean against, with Dean stating that he disagrees with the Solar Ordinance wholly. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fabian made a motion to award the road maintenance (tar & chip) bid to sole bidder, Russell Standard, in the amount of \$40,269.00. Rodgers and Bodziach Roads will be double seal coated in the Fall. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Supervisor Hall made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-8 amending the mileage reimbursement rate in accordance with the IRS Notice dated June 9, 2022. The new mileage reimbursement rate of 62.5 cents/mile is effective July 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fabian made a motion to approve the tax exoneration of Alfred John Bogul in accordance with Lawrence County Tax Assessment Resolution #36895 dated July 6, 2022. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

The subdivision/lot consolidation plan of Donna White was submitted for review and approval, having been approved by the Planning Commission at their June 16th meeting. Supervisor Hall made a motion to accept said Plan. Supervisor Fabian seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. was made by Supervisor Fabian and seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.