

**HICKORY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 3, 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, Esquire – Solicitor
Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer
Lt. Ronald A. Bongivengo – HTPD

Other Attendees: Timothy Wilson
Thomas McCormick, Jr.
Richard Alley
Thomas Houston
Thomas McCormick, Sr.

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 6th regular meeting without correction was made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report for December was given. Motion to pay the current bills, payroll and all incoming regular bills was made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

The December police report was read by Lt. Ronald Bongivengo: 24 traffic stops; 7 traffic citations; 13 administrative activities; 1 9-1-1 Hang up call; 1 animal complaint; 3 assist other agencies; 26 property checks; 1 false alarm; 2 reportable crashes; 1 harassment complaint; 1 mental health call; 1 request to speak with an officer; and 1 tree down.

Officer Bongivengo further offered that he had prepared a 2021 police department productivity report and provided the same to the Board of Supervisors for review. He also requested an executive session after the meeting discuss personnel issues.

Building Permits:

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Theodore Tintman	139 Hanna Lane	30’ x 30’ equipment storage building
AT&T Mobility	234 Fairground Road	Cement pad, generator & electrical switch at cell tower

Public Comments: Richard Alley questioned why the appointment of a police chief was tabled. Supervisor Dean commented that Chief Cook is on medical leave due to a work injury sustained from other employment. Officer Bongivengo followed up on that comment stating that the Chief was incapable of performing his duties at this time due to his injury, but that he (Bongivengo) was named the officer in charge and that the police department continues to fully function.

Tom Houston complained that the flashing lights on the closed one-lane Eastbrook Road bridge were not working. Supervisor Hall stated that he had already made multiple calls to the New Castle PennDOT garage about the matter. Lisa Schlemmer added that she too called PennDOT, and that she has been directing residents to call PennDOT about all of their bridge concerns and complaints and provided the number to call to all at the meeting.

Thomas McCormick, Jr. voiced his displeasure that the Board of Supervisors did not increase the fire tax this year and voiced numerous complaints about wanting a new tanker truck, a new fire station, having to buy new fire gear, the reduction of VFD members, etc. There was a brief discussion amongst those in attendance.

Announcements: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve the tax exoneration of Albert Boughter, Jr. in accordance with Resolution #36697 issued by the Lawrence County Board of Assessment Appeals on December 1, 2021. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fabian made a motion to approve Dan Chrobak as Deputy Tax Collector in accordance with the recommendation and request of Lori Sickafuse Zulauf, Tax Collector. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to address two matters that were raised in between the posting of the Agenda and the meeting. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Hall to pass Resolution 2022-5 permitting Hickory Township to enter into the annual agreement with INFOCON to have them prepare the 2022 tax bills. Motion seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fabian submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting to be added to the health, dental, eye and life insurance policies offered to Township Supervisors. Motion was made by Supervisor Hall to accept the letter and add Supervisor Fabian to the insurances. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 P.M. was made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Bills

General	\$	636.50
State	\$	0.00

General Fund

Balance as of 12/31/21	\$	46,651.57	
Receipts			\$ 225,465.97
Expenditures			\$ 151,313.20
Balance as of 01/31/22	\$	120,804.34	

State Fund

Balance as of 12/31/21	\$	45,003.61	
Receipts			\$ 0.45
Expenditures			\$ -
Balance as of 01/31/22	\$	45,004.06	

Earned Income

Balance as of 12/31/21	\$	216,278.06	
Receipts			\$ 14,550.80
Transfers			\$ 217,913.64
Balance as of 01/31/22	\$	12,915.22	