

Supervisors' Meeting

June 13, 2023



Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Mark Morrow. In attendance were Supervisors Howell, Klinger and Hunsinger. The meeting was held at the township office.

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting at 8:30 am to discuss personnel matters.

Approve May minutes – On a Howell/Hunsinger motion minutes as presented were approved. Motion passed 4-0.

Solicitor – No report.

Police – Reported by Chief VanDine. See attached. Reverend Moore thanked the police for helping his wife during a dog attack.

Zoning Officer – Reported by Jeff Sutton. See attached.

Planning Commission – No report.

Park Committee – Reverend Moore reported that the township is replacing the Tetherball and the airplane teeter totter. Shawn Donbach stated that the teeter totter is complete and placed back into the park. Fernville Park Committee will be having a meeting in July at 7:00 pm but was unsure of the date and will get back to the board on that, to discuss further plans on a Pickleball Court. Reverend Moore also stated that the Committee is planning on having a fundraiser.

SEO – Not present.

Roadmaster – Reported by Shawn Donbach. See attached. Reverend Moore mentioned that something needs done with the big logs at the property behind his home. He fears that the township will hit them while mowing. Shawn Donbach assured the board that they are trees off the right of way, and they mow around them.

Emergency Management – Not present.

Manager's Report – Jeff Sutton stated that himself and Randy Howell met with State Representative Leadbetter last month to discuss some Grant Opportunities for the addition/modification of the Police Station. Representative Leadbetter did inform them that the Township would not qualify for the DCED grants due to the median income being so high in Hemlock Township, the State Skills Grant he was not sure what was available, the Gaming Grants are based toward the counties in which the casinos are placed, the Rack P Grants, Leadbetter is going to look into them and the Community Funded program where Representative Leadbetter will meet with Senator Culvor and see where she could help out. Mr. Sutton attended a Grant Webinar through PSATS to seek funding for the township.

General Sales has announced the owners have retired as of May 12, 2023, and sold the business. The business will continue to operate under the name of Bloomsburg Truck and Trailer Service.

Mr. Sutton presented the financial report.

Citizen's Comments:

Helen Patterson of Hunters Chase questioned the board of supervisors asking if the meetings are held monthly and if the meetings are held at the township office or at the Buckhorn Firehall. She mentioned to the board that the website needs to be corrected because it lists the meeting as being held at the Buckhorn Firehall. Mr. Sutton said that he will check and have it fixed. Ms. Patterson also mentioned that she wanted to read the previous month's minutes, but they were not posted to the website. Jeff Sutton told her that the previous month's minutes are not posted to the website until they are approved at the following month's meeting.

Helen said that the members of Hunters Chase are putting together a newsletter with concerns for the residents. She questioned whether the township had any ordinances for throwing snow or grass in the road. Mark Morrow assured her that the township would research that information and get it back to her.

Ms. Patterson inquired about if there would be any chance that the township would pave the roads in Hunters Chase. Supervisor Fred Klinger informed her that the roads are paved under the layer of tar and chip and that paving will not be done. They discussed that seal coat has been applied as of last year which will help hold the dust down and bind the road a little bit.

Helen Patterson said that the townhouses on School House Road need to be addressed. She was concerned about them being an eye sore with their shared driveways, one car garage, grills and garbage cans sitting out and in view. Chairman Mark Morrow assured her that the builders followed every state and local rule when the townhouses were built therefor there is nothing that the township can enforce.

Joe Yodock expressed that the road crew department does an incredible job keeping the township organized. He said that the road dust oil does a great job and discussed concerns with the heavy dust on a section of road to his sons Strawberry field on Orchard Drive and who would be held responsible for the people that constantly run 4-wheelers on the road creating the heavy dust with the possibility of getting hit. He was advised to talk to his son's attorney. Reverend Moore suggested notifying the police when these 4 wheelers are on the road.

Old Business:

1. **Police Building** – The rough estimate of an addition or modification to the police building will cost \$245,000.00. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, it was agreed that Jeff Sutton moves forward with putting bid specs together and bring to the July meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

2. **Resolution 06-13-2023 Destruction of Tax Records** – On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, Resolution 06-13-2023 Destruction of Tax Records was adopted. Motion passed 4-0.
3. **Resolution 06-13-2023A Destruction of Municipal Records** – On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, an agreement was reached to enact Resolution 06-13-2023A Destruction of Municipal Records. Motion passed 4-0.
4. **Resolution 06-13-2023B Wedgetown Road Dedication** – The township engineer has reviewed all specs and gave his recommendation to pass Resolution 06-13-2023B Wedgetown Road Dedication. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, Resolution 06-13-2023B was passed. Motion passed 4-0.
5. **Road Dust Material 2024** – Randy Howell had several phone calls and complaints about extreme dust. He would like to add road dust material to 2024 budget. It was in agreement that it would be to costly and that it would be conversation for the budget meeting.
6. **Traffic Signal Poles** – Jeff Sutton received a letter from the Boy Scouts of America and would like the township to donate or sell the old traffic signal poles replaced at Wedgetown Road. On a

Klinger/Hunsinger motion, the township will sell the traffic signal poles to the Boy Scouts of America for \$1.00. Motion passed 4-0

7. **Planning Commission Member** – With the passing of Dave Bardo a replacement needs to be appointed for the Planning Commission. Dean Snyder has agreed to take on that position. On a Hunsinger/Klinger motion, Dean Snyder was appointed to the Planning Commission. Motion passed 4-0.
8. **Hack Land Development** – Hack Landscaping would like to build a building on Millville Road. They are proposing storage and a small office area. It was recommended that the supervisors grant permission contingent on the developer's agreement, financial security, township comments, engineers' comments and well and sewer permit notes. On a Morrow/Klinger motion, the plan was conditionally approved contingent upon the comments dated June 12, 2023, from Renee Moist, including the developers agreement, financial security and the well and sewer permits on the plans. Motion passed 4-0.
9. **Sheetz Liquor License** – A hearing date is needed for the Sheetz Liquor Transfer Hearing. On a Howell/Morrow motion, the hearing will be held July 11, 2023, at 8:30am prior to the monthly meeting. Motion passed 4-0.
10. **Home Depot Tax** – Home Depot was granted a reduction of \$1,148.45 for 2023. The agreement was set and they will not request another reduction in 2024. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, Home Depot will receive a refund of \$1,148.45. Motion Passed 4-0.

Other Business:

Approve Bills as Posted – On a Howell/Morrow motion, the bills as posted were approved. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Weaver
Township Secretary