

HICKORY TOWNSHIP  
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 October 7, 2024

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: Jason Medure, Esquire - Solicitor  
 Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer
- Other Attendees: Joshua Latore Tom Houston  
 Debbie Wachter Kevin Mahoney  
 Gary Finley

Supervisor Fabian made a motion to accept the September 2, 2024 meeting minutes without correction. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

The September Treasurer’s Report was offered by the Secretary/Treasurer. Supervisor Dean made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and pay all regular, incoming bills and payroll. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report of Police activities for the month of September: 1 discharge of a firearm into an occupied structure; 1 traffic arrest; 8 property checks; 2 administrative duties; 1 mental case – (Total calls: 13)

**Building Permits:**

| Applicant                  | Address   | Proposed Improvement                             |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Darrell L. Mitcheltree     | new subdivided lot 300ft. from 718 McDowell Road                    | Single family dwelling w/attached 3-car garage   |
| All American Entertainment | 2 temporary circus tents @ Lawrence County Fairgrounds, Sept. 23-29 | Temporary special amusement occupancy            |
| Matthew Collingwood        | 148 Lakewood Road   | Privacy fence                                    |
| Chet Brown (Ellery Farm)   | 601 Rogers Road   | 24’ x 40’ addition to existing cattle barn       |
| Eastbrook Village Church   | 2404 Eastbrook Road   | 12’ x 24’ storage bldg. on auxiliary parking lot |

**Announcements:** The PA Department of Agriculture recently discovered a highly destructive, invasive insect known as the box tree moth in Erie County. This insect is new to North America. It is the first confirmed sighting in Pennsylvania. A quarantine has been issued for Erie County. This moth feeds on and destroys boxwoods. Pennsylvania leads the nation in the number of floriculture businesses – those that produce garden and bedding plants, potted plants and cut flowers. Early detection is key to preventing significant damage, loss, and the spread of the species. Information on how to identify the insect and safely destroy infested materials can be found at [agriculture.pa.gov](http://agriculture.pa.gov). Reports of box tree moths can be sent to [badbug@pa.gov](mailto:badbug@pa.gov) or call 1-888-253-7189.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Supervisor Hall made the motion to approve the estimate of Protech Asphalt & Maintenance, Inc. to mill the washboard humps from Lakewood Road in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dean made the motion to approve Resolution #2024-18 to use ARPA funds to pay Protech Asphalt & Maintenance, Inc. \$2,500,000 for the milling work on Lakewood Road. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-19 to use ARPA funding to pay repair costs associated with the the Devil's Elbow Road culvert replacement project, such as excavation services, a new culvert pipe, multiple types of aggregate, delivery of materials, engineering fees, labor, equipment and related expenses. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-20 to disband the Hickory Township Police Department effective December 31, 2024 in accordance with Section 1901 of the Second Class Township Code. Supervisor Fabian asked for discussion and questions on this matter. No one replied. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hall made a motion to schedule the annual budget workshop for October 29, 2024 at 3:30 PM. Motion seconded by Supervisor Fabian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fabian made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

HICKORY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
**October 29, 2024**

A budget workshop meeting to prepare the 2025 township budget was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman, Christopher Fabian.

Supervisors Present: Christopher J. Fabian  
Michael E. Hall  
William W. Dean (via telephone)

Staff Present: Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer

Other attendees: Josh Latore  
Dick Houston  
Thomas McCormick, Sr.  
Tom McCormick, Jr.  
Josh Ottaviani  
Tom McPheron  
Tom Houston  
David White  
Randy Brown

The Supervisors reviewed various financial reports and records to produce a proposed budget for 2025. The Supervisors chose to review their proposed budget worksheet from now until the next regular meeting on November 4, 2024 to determine if any amendments are necessary.

Dick Houston commented that the Hickory Volunteer Fire Department wants an answer on the VFD's requested Fire Tax increase ASAP.

A motion was made by Supervisor Fabian, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 P.M. All in favor. Motion carried.