

HEREFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 20, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the regular meeting of the Hereford Township Board of Supervisors was held in person at the Municipal Building and via Zoom from home. Those present were Supervisors John Membrino, Keith Masemore and Karla Dexter, Secretary Norann Warmkessel, Road Superintendent Chris Day, Seisholtzville Fire Chief Ray Strickland, Hereford Fire Chief Josh Borowski and Hereford Fire Police Captain Harold Albitz, and Irene Donovan from Hereford Estates. Tom O'Connor from Berks Properties, and the reporter from the Town & Country attended on Zoom.

Mr. Membrino called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded approving the July 6th regular meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills and Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Masemore seconded to pay the bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Companies

A. **Seisholtzville Fire Company**

Chief Strickland reported they responded to 9 calls in June. Car Cruises have been successful as well as a Chicken Bar B Q which almost sold out. They received a grant from Harbor Freight for engineer supplies and were the successful bidder to purchase a new to them brush truck in Lancaster County.

B. **Hereford Fire Company**

Chief Borowski reported 15 calls for June. A major issue with wires down on Route 100 and Verizon failed to respond for a significant amount of time. A request was made to PennDOT to assist, and it was turned down, As the road is their responsibility, and it was completely shut down which was determined to be unacceptable. Chief Borowski contacted Representative Mackenzie's office for assistance. He and his aides are planning to hold a meeting with the involved parties to discuss future responses.

C. **Fire Police** – Nothing pending currently.

Mr. Membrino noted at this time that beginning in August agendas are required to be posted 24 hours before the meeting. All requests for board action at a meeting must be submitted to the office no later than the close of business on Monday.

D. **Bally Ambulance** – Mr. Membrino asked if there were any questions.

E. **Emergency Management Coordinator**

Ray reported on that he has reached out to another EMC for advice and is looking to complete some classes on-line. It was questioned whether there is protocol for the EMC regarding long term road closures with phone lines involved due to the extended time for responses.

F. **Recreation Committee** – Mr. Masemore questioned the Exercise equipment on the trail was proceeding. The Recreation Committee does not meet in the summer months. He also noted that a gazebo might also be a nice addition to Community Park.

G. **Environmental Advisory Council** – No meetings being held.

H. **State Police report** – No report

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Membrino reported that the bid for the 2019 Dodge Truck body was approved as Co-Stars when Perkiomen Performance was not an approved Co-Star's vendor. At the meeting held July 6th, the original proposal was rescinded. As Perkiomen Performance has become a Co-star's vendor for body outfitting, the proposal that was originally awarded on June 1st in the amount of \$33, 950 for a Stainless-Steel dump body for the 2019 Dodge Ram is re-awarded on the motion of Mr. Membrino and seconded by Ms. Dexter. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Apollo Zeus Bond release

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to release from the developer's bond in the amount of \$13, 935.50 per the Technicon letter dated 7/19/21 for the development at 1904 Tollgate Road All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-10

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-10 appointing new delegates to the Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee. New representative Daniel Diresco who has become the replacement for Sandra Kassel as Business Manager of the Upper Perkiomen School District. The Fist assistant representative will be Louisa Masemore. All were in favor. Motion carried

Agricultural Security Area Opening

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Masemore seconded to authorize the Secretary to advertise the Agricultural Security Area Opening in August. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Austin Szilli resignation

It was noted that Austin Szilli has resigned from the Road Crew effective July 30, 2021. He still has vacation time, so his last working day will be Tuesday. The Board wished him well in his new endeavors. As the advertisement from 5 years ago seems appropriate the board approved the publication of the ad in the Town & Country beginning next week.

Road Work

Road Superintendent Chris Day reported that Pine Tree, Orthaus, Strunk and Spring Hill Rds. are slated for road work this summer. The mill and fill will be done in the next month as they are moving to paving in Rockland beginning on Monday. The Double Bituminous Seal Coat would then be scheduled for some time in September. Chris also noted that the process of the purchase of a new Co-op paver will be coming up next year. He is doing research on whether a five-year lease purchase could be completed through Liquid Fuels monies. More information to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Membrino noted that the Board would meet for an Executive Session after adjournment.

There being no further business, Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Masemore seconded to adjourn at 8:05 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully

Norann L. Warmkessel, Secretary