

HEREFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Hereford Township Board of Supervisors was held in person at the municipal building and via Zoom. Those present were Supervisors John Membrino, Keith Masemore, Karla Dexter and Secretary Hannah Edwards.

Guests: Matthew Lorish, Eric Miller, Bryan Leets, Cliff Kerchner and Josh Borowski

Zoom: Tom O'Connor, Patrica Ihlenfeld, Irene Donovan and Candace Perry

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

Minutes

Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the January 6, 2025 meeting minutes along with the 2025 Organization Meeting Minutes. Ms. Dexter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Payment of Bills and Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter second to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer Report. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Personal Appearances – No Report

Fire Companies

Hereford Fire Company- Mr. Borowski reported 21 calls for the month of December, he also sent out the year end final totals. Hereford responded to 200 calls, which is roughly average for the fire department. The fire department also encountered some minor officer changes.

Seisholtzville Fire Company- Mr. Miller reported 16 calls for the month of December. Mr. Miller also made some phone calls to the Verizon supervisors about the wires laying on the ground. From what he gathered no changes will be made until the poles come down or break. There is a pole on Gun Club that is being taken care of because there was a malfunction in the design of the pole. Mr. Membrino did mention Seisholtzville is a huge issue and is unsafe. The dilemma is the township is required to mow the state road with all this debris, the office is working with the Senator office on getting some debris cleaned up and wires cleared up.

Hereford Fire Police – No Report

Seisholtzville Fire Police – No Report

Bally Ambulance – Mrs. Sullivan reported a huge gratitude thank you statement to Mr. Membrino for being an active member of the Bally Ambulance board for many years. She also reported 28 calls for the month of December in the township, the township created 18 percent of the calls for the month. Revenue for the year was reported to be a little higher than was previously reported in 2024. Letters went out for support and donations for the year 2025.

Emergency Management – Mr. Leets reported the in-service trainings will resume January 29,

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2025. The training will be EM for Elected Officials. This meeting will start at 6:30pm at the Berks County DES.

Recreation Committee – No report

Environmental Advisory Committee – No report

State Police Report

Report 59 calls for the month of December.

Unfinished Business – No report

New Business

1. Discussion about purchasing a new work truck
 - a. Mr. Masemore requested we converse about purchasing a new Mack truck. He would like to get a more accurate updated quote, he also mentioned the budget has an excess amount to be able to purchase it. The figures looking at truck and body together are roughly \$280,000.00, but Mrs. Dexter requested we get accurate updated amounts and revisit the conversation. Mr. Membrino mentioned we should use the LSA grant as an option for the new truck purchase since the township decided to also apply for a park and recreation grant to over the tennis courts / pickle ball court. Mr. Membrino believes the Sterling truck is a perfectly functioning truck to be used as a back up option.
2. Approve Hereford Fire Police to assist Community Fish and Game Association for their annual Fishing Rodeo on May 18th 2025 from 9am to 3pm
 - a. Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve HFP to assist the Community Fish and Game Association for their annual Fishing Rodeo on May 18th 2025. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.
3. Approve Resolution 2025-06, Inter-Municipal cooperation agreement for the purchase and storing of the paint truck.
 - a. Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the resolution 2025-06, for the inter-municipal cooperation agreement for the purchase and storing of the paint truck. Mr. Masemore second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.
 - b. The paint truck will be stored in the Hereford Township old maintenance shed. It will be stored where the loader, sterling and grader are stored. Nothing will have to be accommodated to make this purchase stored in the shed.
4. Approve Fish and Game Association to host their annual Fishing Rodeo on Saturday

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17th and Sunday May 18th at the Tollgate Eco Park

- a. Saturday May 10th – clean up park
 - b. Saturday May 17th – set up
 - c. Sunday May 18th – Contest
 - d. Children Contest 11am – 2pm
 - i. Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve Fish and Game Association to host their annual Fishing Rodeo on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th in May of 2025. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.
5. Approve Hannah Edwards to be off February 14,2024 / Office to be closed (Friday – half day normally 7am-11am).
- a. Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve Hannah Edward to be off Friday February 14th with the office closed. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.
6. Approve Standard Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement for 7261 Orthaus Road Lot 3
- a. Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the Standard Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement for 7261 Orthaus Road Lot 3. Mr. Masemore second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.
7. Approve Developers Improvement Agreement for 7261 Orthaus Road Lot 3
- a. Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the Developer Improvement Agreement for 7261 Orthaus Road Lot 3. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.
8. Conversation about Quarry Ridge Roofing – Email and quote in packet
- a. Mr. Membrino made a motion to accept the Quarry Ridge Roofing quote in the amount of \$566.68 to have 18’ steel box girt purchased for the 1 sliding door repair on the pole barn. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Miscellaneous Correspondence and Additional Information

1. Next board meeting will be held on February 4, 2024 @ 7:30pm

PUBLIC COMMENT –

There being no further business, Mr. Membrino made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Masemore. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted

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Hannah Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer