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, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Louisa Masemore, Hereford Fire Chief Josh Borowski, Hereford Fire Police Chief Harrold Albitz, Dean Marks, Matthew Lorish, Irene Donovan, Cliff Kerchner, Leigha Steinke, Bryon Young, Mary Young and David Schott. Tom O’Conner, Patricia Ihenfeld and Candace Owens Reporter for Town and Country Newspaper attended on Zoom.

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

**Minutes**

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Masemore seconded to accept the March 7th 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 and approve the Treasurer’s report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Personal Appearances** - None

**Fire Companies**

**Hereford Fire Company**- Mr. Borowski reported 19 calls and thanked the board for their attention to an incident, and Mr. Membrino mentioned that it was unfortunate but there wasn’t much that the township was able to do. Mr. Marks mentioned that he handed in the year-end balance report.

**Seisholtzville Fire Company**- Mr. Strickland sent in a report stating they responded to 15 calls, and held regular fundraising events.

**Hereford Fire Police** –Mr. Albitz requested the township swear in the new fire police member, Leigha Steinke who completed her training. Mr. Membrino swore her in, and Ms. Masemore notarized.

**Seisholtzville Fire Police** – No report.

**Bally Ambulance** – Mr. Membrino mentioned that the ambulance has started to go to municipalities to request a dedicated EMS tax.

**Emergency Management Coordinator –** No report.

**Recreation Committee** –The board went over the report, and said that it would be forwarded to Mr. Day. They mentioned that the birdhouses needed to be rebuilt, and Treichler Park needed a playground update.

**Environmental Advisory Council** – Mr. and Mrs. Young gave the report.

Tree Meeting

Mrs. Young asked about the next steps the township would be taking to ensure the removal of trees and the possible grant application. The board discussed quite a few options but decided to have Ms. Van Dyke apply for the grant with a 2-1 tree replacement ratio. Mr. Masemore did mention that the tree replacement had to be in areas that were either township owned or permitted by the owners. He mentioned that planting trees by streams would cause the land around those areas becoming more wet from his own observations of a riparian buffer zone. The Board also discussed using as a reference for the budget, the number of trees in the township that were too big for the road crew to take down on their own to help figure out how much to budget when thinking of the 20% match required of the grant. Mrs. Young also asked how the trees that were being taken down would be identified. Mr. Masemore commented that he had noticed this problem recently and had requested the secretary to note when someone would call to close their road to take down trees and the addresses to somewhat alleviate that problem.

Five Points Rd Waterway

Mrs. Young mentioned that a member of the EAC was worried over the water quality of the stream behind their house. The board mentioned that they were aware of his concern.

Low Wire on Five Points Rd

Mrs. Young reported a low communication wire near 75 Five Points Road, and asked if the township would be more effective in getting the company to fix it. Mr. Membrino mentioned that it was an ongoing problem for the township to get the utilities companies to respond.

**State Police Report** –The state police report was available to view.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to transfer $250,000 from the General Fund checking into the PLGIT Money Market account to get a better interest rate. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Masemore seconded, to approve advertisement of the 2023 seal coat bid for Mulberry Hill Road, Gun Club Road, and Old Company Road. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence and Information**

Political Sign Fee

Mr. Schott addressed the Board asking about the $25 political sign fee he had been made aware of by the Board of Elections. The Board was unsure if that was still a current policy and said they would have Ms. Van Dyke look into it.

Mr. Membrino made a motion to waive the fees for David Schott for this election cycle. Mr. Masemore asked if Mr. Membrino would amend his motion to waive the political sign fee for all candidates. Mr. Membrino amended his motion to waive the political sign fee for all candidates this election cycle. Mr. Masemore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded allowing Roy Schrock, the Crossley Farm representative, to have a Public Availability Session on May 3rd 5:00-6:30 pm in the township building. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

There being no further business, Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Masemore seconded to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

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Louisa Masemore, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer