

## HEREFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 18, 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: Mark Levensgood, Tom O' Connor, Cliff Kerchner, Irene Donovan

Zoom: Patrica Ihlenfeld and Candace Perry

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

### Minutes

Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the February 4, 2025 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

***Seisholtzville Fire Company-*** Mr. Membrino announced no one was in attendance from Seisholtzville due to a fire call during the meeting. The fire department did provide a copy of their Active Roster for 2025.

***Hereford Fire Company-*** Mr. Membrino announced no one was in attendance from Hereford due to a fire call during the meeting. The fire department did provide January fund balances for the BOS to review.

***Seisholtzville Fire Police*** – No Report

***Hereford Fire Police*** – Mr. Albitz reported the new 2025 roster for the Hereford Fire Police along with assisting the Annual Fishing Rodeo in May. They also will be attending the event held in March for Hereford Elementary School.

***Bally Ambulance*** – Mrs. Sullivan reported Hereford had 23 calls for the month of January which made up 19.3 percent of the calls for the month. She also reported the average billing revenue per the month of 2024 was \$48.9K. She also reported the 2025 Memberships have been mailed out, donation letters were mailed to residents living in the Borough and Bechtelsville. Blank membership and donation letters are available at our station for anyone who needs them.

***Emergency Management*** – Mr. Leets was not in attendance due to the fire call, but he did provide his documentation that stated training was complete on January 29, 2025 for the EM for elected officials along with IS-5 introduction to Hazardous Materials.

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*Recreation Committee* – No report

*Environmental Advisory Committee* – No report

## *State Police Report*

Report 59 calls for the month of January.

Unfinished Business – No report

## New Business

### 1. Action to purchase 2026 Mack Truck

Mr. Masemore mentions the funds are in the budget to purchase the 2026 Mack Truck, if the truck is paid right out the township will be saving the residents roughly \$108,000.00. Mr. Membrino really wanted to express that is why we make a budget yearly so we can plan for items in this capacity to be bought. He strongly believes because it was not budgeted for 2025 it should wait. Mr. Masemore mentioned if we finance through ESSA we will be paying roughly \$398,000.00 with a \$5,136.00 bill monthly.

*Mr. Masemore made a motion to purchase the 2026 Mack truck for a total amount of \$288,179.00. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. Mr. Membrino voted against the motion. Motion passed.*

Mr. Membrino mentioned he recommended having the money put back into the roads instead of purchasing a truck. A resident asked what the cost difference would be for a 6-wheel vs a 10-wheel, Mr. Membrino mentioned \$20,000.00 less. The 2026 Mack has an automatic transmission which means only 1 driver has a license to operate an automatic and not a manual transmission. Mrs. Dexter mentioned she doesn't ever want to micromanage the crew at the township and supports the request from Mr. Day. She also mentioned she is unaware of where the economy will come 6-12 months down the road and believes now would be a good time to purchase the truck. A resident also asked what will happen with the old truck that is being replaced? Mr. Masemore mentioned the money that is received will go towards the purchase value of the new truck.

### 2. Approval of Hereford Fire Police to assist East Greenville Borough with the First Friday Events on May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5 and October 3.

Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve Hereford Fire Police to assist East Greenville with their First Friday events on May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5 and October 3. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### 3. Approval of Hereford Fire Police to assist East Greenville Borough with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks at New Goshenhoppen Park.

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Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve Hereford Fire Police to assist East Greenville with their 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework show at New Goshenhoppen Park. Mr. Masemore second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Approve Resolution 2025-07 *“INCENTIVE PROGRAM WHICH WILL PROVIDE STIPEND PAYMENTS TO QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS”*
  - a. *Mr. Membrino mentioned tabeling this event until March 18, 2025 due to the fire department not being present.*

Miscellaneous Correspondence and Additional Information

1. Next board meeting will be held on March 4, 2025 at 7:30pm
2. Erin Sweed from PerkUp will be at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting
3. Reminder Office will be closed March 14<sup>th</sup>
4. Reminder office WILL BE OPEN Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> from 7am -3pm
5. Reminder office WILL BE OPEN Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 7am – 3pm

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.

Respectfully Submitted

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Hannah Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer