

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 26, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The regular meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors, held at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Doug Weimer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Mr. Doug Weimer
Mr. Jerry Fagert
Mr. Tom Logan

Mr. John Silvis
Mr. George Reese

Staff Present: Mr. Andrew Walz
Mr. Doug Cisco
Mr. Dan Schmitt
Mr. Scott Avolio

Mr. Bruce Beitel
Mr. Jason Winters
Mrs. Melanie Phillips
Mrs. Denise Rosak

2. HEARINGS: None

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS: (As Per Resolution #2012-24)

- a) **Lou Smail** – Mr. Smail of 1069 Spruce Street, Greensburg, voiced his strong displeasure with the proposed Excela Health Orthoplex site, including the public safety concerns at the Mt. Pleasant Road at Route 30 intersection.
- b) **Greg Saunders** – Chief Greg Saunders of 318 Price Street, Bovard told the Board of Supervisors that he believes, with his forty-one (41) years of volunteer emergency service experience, it is a huge mistake to buy a new Quint truck with only a seventy-five (75) foot ladder. He explained that with the larger setbacks on newer homes, like in the developments of Linwood and Meadow Lane Heights, a seventy-five (75) foot ladder does not reach the homes. In investigating the price difference with a one hundred (100) foot ladder it roughly comes between \$40,000 to \$60,000. Mr. Saunders said with the projected cost of the Quint truck at \$750,000, the cost would be raised by only eight (8) percent and only cost the forty thousand residents seven and a half (7.5) cents per year over the twenty (20) year life of the truck. There may also be some ISO points for a one hundred (100) foot ladder over a seventy-five (75) foot he added. In closing, Chief Saunders asked that the next time a demonstration is conducted at his fire station, that he at least receive a text message informing him of such.
- c) **Tom Harrold** – Mr. Harrold of 108 Collier Street, Greensburg expressed his public safety concerns to the Board of Supervisors with the area of Roseytown Road, specifically between Tremont Avenue and Route 119. He said he did contact PennDot also. The speed limit from Route 119 is 35 miles per hour and Roseytown Road, from Tremont Avenue, it is 45 miles per hour. He also said that between the intersection until you get to Tremont, there are five (5) entrances and exits and somehow Stone & Company slipped in a new one where they are putting their supplies on the other side of the road. Mr. Weimer told Mr. Harrold that the

Township does not handle driveway permits for State Roads. Mr. Harrold said he is requesting a reduction in the 35 miles per hour speed limit on Roseytown Road from Tremont Avenue to Route 119 and a School Bus Stop sign on the East side of the tunnel (the Stone & Company side). Secondly, Mr. Harrold encouraged the Board of Supervisors to vote in support of putting the referendum for the library on the ballot. Lastly, he advised that he is on the Board of Directors of the Union Cemetery. He respectfully asked consideration from the Board in providing some milling materials to improve the roads in the cemetery. Mr. Weimer requested Mr. Harrold to submit a letter of request to the Township for the millings for improvements to Union Cemetery.

- d) **Bill Bretz** – Mr. Bretz of 257 Glenn Fox Road, Greensburg, emphatically asked the Board of Supervisors to vote no to the consideration to approve Resolution No. 2017-70 which would direct the Westmoreland County Election Bureau to place a referendum question on the ballot in the general election wherein Hempfield Township would establish an annual levy of one mill on the dollar on all taxable real estate to provide for the maintenance of and aid to the Greensburg Hempfield Area Library. He asked for the Board of Supervisors to allow for 673 of their constituents to sign for it, and not just the three (3) Supervisors that would be required to put it on the ballot.
- e) **Jeanne Smith** – Mrs. Smith of 541 Austin Street, Greensburg said the referendum question could be debated at length. However, she said this is a question of allowing the people of Hempfield to exercise their democratic right to vote on an initiative and to ask them whether they want to support the library through this one (1) mill tax or not. She said the Supervisors do not have to make that decision nor do they have to endorse it. Every voting individual gets to weigh this and vote what he or she feels. Mrs. Smith said to not give people the right to do that, would take away their democratic right. Lastly, she asked the Board to put the referendum on the ballot so that the people could speak.
- f) **Cathy Czerpak** – Ms. Czerpak of 109 Tipple Row Road, Greensburg, advised the Board of Supervisors that she is an employee at one of the businesses in the Hempfield Industrial Park. She thanked the Board for the wonderful improvements to the walking track. However, she requested consideration be given in putting an access to the track at the southern end. She said she must walk an additional 900 feet on the traffic side of the trail before there is pedestrian access and it is dangerous. Mr. Weimer advised her that access points were required where there were pedestrian walkways. He said the southern tip of the track is unaccessible due to truck traffic. He explained to Ms. Czerpak that it would take a major upgrade to that intersection to improve it for a crosswalk and pedestrian parking and this would have to be in the budget for a future project. Ms. Czerpak responded that the pedestrian access did not have to be immediately at the southern end but near proximity to permit safe access. Mr. Walz said there will be further discussion in regards to her request once the determination is made by the engineer and public works departments after investigating the site.
- g) **Albert Francise** – Mr. Francise of 628 Oakridge Drive, Greensburg, raised questions as to how many residents of Hempfield actually use the library. He also asked if the library did a preliminary survey of the residents regarding the proposed referendum. Mr. Francise also stated that it seems to him that technology has reduced the need for a public library with personal computers, smart phones, etc., replacing what the library has to offer. He suggested that perhaps the library should be self-supportive and self-staining without the need for taxation. The Greensburg Hempfield website for the library he said does not reveal whom is on the Board of Trustees or the names of the paid staff. He questioned how much of the library's budget is for paid staff. In addition, he questioned the connection between the library board,

library paid staff, and the Hempfield Township School District or the Township Supervisors. If the Hempfield Township School Board wants this referendum, then, he said, let the School Board sponsor the referendum and they can take the credit for the tax increase. Furthermore, Mr. Francise said he starts to question whether the push for the tax is self-serving for the benefit of a few associated with the library or for the greater good of the Hempfield community. In closing, he said he believes there is a place in this community for a library for the small percentage of Hempfield Township that uses it, but he is not willing to be taxed for this entity and will oppose it vigorously.

- h) **John Anderson** – Mr. Anderson of 29 Adrian Drive, Greensburg, said that he does not want to reiterate on the comments already stated from the opponents to the proposed referendum. He said he would not be opposed to the Board of Supervisors increasing their annual contribution to the library instead of the tax increase. Mr. Anderson stated that he believes a half million dollars, roughly, from the 1 mill increase is ludicrous. He questioned whether or not the neighboring municipalities supported the referendum. Mr. Anderson told the Board of Supervisors that if they vote to put the referendum on the ballot that it is going to give the impression that Hempfield Township supports it. It can still be on the ballot, he added, with the benefit of circulating a petition to acquire 673 signatures to do so.

Mr. Weimer asked Mrs. Smith the status of the responses from the neighboring municipalities. She said that the library is still waiting for a vote from Southwest Greensburg. New Stanton Borough declined putting it on the ballot. The City of Greensburg, South Greensburg, and Youngwood did vote to put the referendum on the ballot.

Mr. Silvis said that if the Board of Supervisors do not vote to put the referendum on the ballot, the library can still circulate the petition. Either way, he said, this issue is not going away. Mr. Weimer explained that a referendum can be put on the ballot by either a governing body or by petition of voters. He stressed that should the Board of Supervisors not vote to put the referendum on the ballot, it does not preclude it from being put on with the benefit of a valid petition.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Supervisor Weimer advised that there was an executive session conducted on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 regarding personnel and legal matters.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the following minutes: June 27th, 2016, Supervisors' Monthly Meeting; January 3rd, 2017, Supervisors' Reorganization Meeting; April 19th, 2017, Supervisors' Public Work Session/Monthly Meeting; and May 22nd, 2017, Supervisors' Monthly Meeting and Zone Change Request Hearing. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

- a) **Andrew Walz, Manager** – Mr. Walz advised that he did not have anything additional to add to his report given at the Public Work Session.
- b) **Bruce Beitel, Public Safety Director** – Mr. Beitel advised that he did not have anything additional to add to his report given at the Public Work Session.

- c) **Melanie Phillips** – Mrs. Phillips advised that she did not have anything further to add to her report given at the Public Work Session.
- d) **Jason Winters** – Mr. Winters said that he did not have anything further to add to his report given at the Public Work Session.
- e) **Doug Cisco, Public Works Director** – Mr. Cisco advised that he did not have anything additional to add to his report given at the Public Work Session.
- f) **Dan Schmitt, Engineer** – Mr. Schmitt advised that he did not have anything further to add to his report given at the Public Work Session.
- g) **Scott Avolio, Solicitor** – Mr. Avolio advised that he did not have anything further to add to his report given at the Public Work Session.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr. Logan advised that there was nothing additional to add to the Treasurer’s Report given at the Public Work Session.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to approve the following payment of bills as listed below from “a” through “e”. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

a.	General Fund	\$ 834,616.29	b.	Light District Account	\$ 13,433.81
c.	Pop Fund	\$ 62.00	d.	Capital Projects Fund	\$ 17,000.00
e.	Recreation Account	\$ 1,445.00	f.	Carbon VFD	\$ 6,253.37

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to approve the Carbon VFD bill payment in the amount of \$6,253.37. Vote: 4-Yes. Mr. Reese – Abstained. Motion carried.

9. SCHEDULING OF HEARING: None

10. DECISIONS FOR HEARINGS: None

11. SUBDIVISION PLANS:

- a) **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2017-64; Granting Final Approval to the Pellis – HP 16 Subdivision Plan Prepared for John M. Pellis and Carla J. Pellis (Plan No. 20170319)** – Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2017-64 granting final approval to the Pellis – HP 16 subdivision plan prepared for John M. Pellis and Carla J. Pellis (Plan No. 20170319). Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- b) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2017-65; Granting Final Approval to the Shirer Plan of Lots Prepared for Glenn S. Shirer, Jr. and Molly Shirer (Plan No. 20170221)** – Mr. Fagert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2017-65 granting final approval to the Shirer Plan of Lots prepared for Glenn S. Shirer, Jr. and Molly Shirer (Plan No. 20170221). Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

12. SITE PLANS:

- a) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2017-66; Approving the Release of Financial Security for the GFS Marketplace Store Site Plan (Plan No. 20140002)** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, approving the release of financial security for the GFS Marketplace Store Site Plan (Plan No. 20140002). Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

13. ITEMS FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- a) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2017-67; Approving the Planning Module for WCCC Science Hall** – Mr. Fagert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2017-67, approving the planning module for WCCC Science Hall. Vote: 4-Yes. Mr. Weimer- abstained because of sitting on the Board of Trustees for WCCC. Motion carried.
- b) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2017-68; Approving the Planning Module for Old Hannastown Historic Site** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to approve Resolution No. 2017-68 approving the planning module for Old Hannastown Historic Site. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- c) **Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #12 in the Amount of \$74,582.28 (Hempfield Township Supervisors Portion) for Fort Allen/Union Cemetery Sanitary/Storm Lining Project** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to approve Pay Estimate #12 in the amount of \$74,582.28 (Hempfield Township Supervisors Portion) for Fort Allen/Union Cemetery Sanitary/Storm Lining Project. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- d) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2017-69; Authorizing and Approving a Retirement Benefit Plan Modification** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to appoint Resolution No. 2017-69 authorizing and approving a retirement benefit plan modification. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- e) **Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #1 in the Amount of \$610,121.88 for Hempfield/Greensburg Industrial Park Road Reconstruction** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$610,121.88 for Hempfield/Greensburg Industrial Park Road Reconstruction. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- f) **Consideration to Approve Awarding Township Copier Contract. The Following Quotes Were Received** –

	COMPANY	MONTHLY RATE	LEASE
1.	Ford Business	\$ 885	60-Month
2.	CCA Solutions	\$ 936.31	60-Month
3.	RTR	\$1,218.13	60-Month

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to approve awarding the Township copier contract to Ford Business at a monthly rate of \$885 with a 60-month lease. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- g) **Consideration to Authorize the Township Manager to Seek Quotes to Implement a Pavement Management Plan for All Township Maintained Roadways** – Mr. Logan made a

motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to authorize the Township manager to seek quotes to implement a Pavement Management Plan for all Township maintained roadways. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

h) Consideration to Approve Awarding Surplus Equipment Through Municibid as Follows:

	AUCTION	ITEM
1.	Truck #2 Auction	203 Ford F-150
2.	Roller Trailer #801 Auction	1995 Beuthling Towmaster BT4

Mr. Fagert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve awarding surplus equipment through Municibid as referenced above. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- i) **Consideration to Approve the Quint Apparatus General Specification Template** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to approve the Quint apparatus general specification template. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- j) **Consideration to Authorize the Public Safety Director to Seek Quotes from All CoStar Authorized Vendors as Designated by the PA Department of General Services** -- Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to authorize the Public Safety Director to seek quotes from all Co-Star authorized vendors as designated by the PA Department of General Services. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- k) **Consideration to Dispose of the 1977 Snorkel Truck via Donation to the Westmoreland County Community College Public Safety Training Center** – Mr. Fagert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to dispose of the 1977 Snorkel Truck via donation to the Westmoreland County Community College Public Safety Training Center. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- l) **Consideration to Create the Position of Assistant Director of Public Safety per the Attached Job Description** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to create the position of Assistant Director of Public Safety per the attached job description. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- m) **Consideration to Accept Proposal of Natale J. Carbone, Carbone Revocable Trust, to be Included in the Agricultural Security Area for Tax Map No. 50-10-00-0-159 and Direct that the Appropriate Public Notice be Published as Required by the Agricultural Security Area Law** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fagert, to accept proposal of Natale J. Carbone, Carbone Revocable Trust, to be included in the Agricultural Security Area for Tax Map No. 50-10-00-0-159 and direct that the appropriate public notice be published as required by the Agricultural Security Area Law. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- n) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2017-70; Directing the Westmoreland County Election Bureau to Place the Following Referendum Question on the Ballot in the General Election of November 7, 2017:**

Shall the Hempfield Township Establish an Annual Levy of One Mill on the Dollar on All Taxable Real Estate Within the Hempfield Township to Provide for the Maintenance of and Aid to the Greensburg Hempfield Area Library?

Mr. Silvis reiterated that this is an issue that is not going away. If the Board does not vote in favor of putting the referendum on the ballot, he said, then the petition may possibly get it on. He added that if and when this referendum gets on the ballot, he hopes that the people will come out and vote because \$500,000.00 is a lot of money and in ten (10) years it will be 5 million dollars. Mr. Weimer said that there was a lot of good discussion from the public this evening. He explained that the Board's decision this evening does not preclude the referendum from being on the ballot. Mr. Weimer said he believes the library circulating signatures on the petition would be a great way to find out how the residents feel. He said that he believes that this would be a better approach than putting it in the hands of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis, to approve Resolution No. 2017-70, which directs the Westmoreland County Election Bureau to place the above-listed referendum question on the ballot in the General Election of November 7, 2017. Role call vote: Mr. Logan – No; Mr. Silvis – Yes; Mr. Fagert – No; Mr. Reese – Yes; and Mr. Weimer – No. Vote: 3 – No; 2 – Yes. Motion fails.

o) Consideration to Approve the Following Standard Operating Policies:

	SECTION	POLICY
1.	200.8	Apparatus/Equipment Out of Service
2.	100.19	Fire Apparatus Debt Reimbursement Policy
3.	300.5	Firefighter Rehab Policy

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to approve the above-listed standard operating policies. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

p) Consideration to Approve the Following Emergency Service Applications as Members of the Hempfield Township Bureau of Fire, to be Effective Upon the Township Receiving a Physical Report from the Township Physician Stating that the Individual is Capable of Performing Activities Related to the Appointed Position and Successful Criminal History and Act 153 Clearance Requirements – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to approve the following emergency service applications as members of the Hempfield Township Bureau of Fire, to be effective upon the Township receiving a physical report from the Township physician stating that the individual is capable of performing activities related to the appointed position and successful criminal history and Act 153 Clearance requirements: Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

	NAME	CLASSIFICATION
1.	Gerald T. Trainer	HEMA
2.	Douglas S. Mohar	Sr. Firefighter – Transfer
3.	Ryan T. Dillon	Jr. Firefighter – Transfer
4.	Alexander V. Urbani	Jr. Firefighter
5.	Jared W. Bailey	Sr. Firefighter

14. OLD BUSINESS: None

15. NEW BUSINESS: None

16. PROCLAMATIONS:

- a) **Recognition of the Hempfield Women’s Softball Team** – Mr. Weimer requested the staff to prepare a proclamation to honor the Hempfield Women’s Softball Team in their achievement of the 2017 PIAA State Championship.

17. SUPERVISORS’ COMMENTS:

Supervisor John Silvis – Mr. Silvis wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July holiday.

Supervisor Jerry Fagert – Mr. Fagert wished everyone a safe 4th of July.

Supervisor George Reese – No comment.

Supervisor Tom Logan – No comment.

Supervisor Doug Weimer –Mr. Weimer told everyone to have a safe trip home and said he would see them next month.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Weimer adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary