

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2018

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 George Reese, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mr. George Reese Mr. Doug Weimer
Mr. John Silvis Mr. Tom Logan
Mr. Rob Ritson

Staff Present: Mr. Scott Avolio Mrs. Denise Rosak
Mr. Jason Winters Mrs. Melanie Phillips
Mr. James Shaw Mr. Dan Schmitt
Mr. Aaron Siko Mr. Patrick Karnash
Mr. Anthony Kovacic Mr. Doug Cisco

2. HEARINGS:

a) Textual Changes to Zoning Ordinance:

Solicitor Scott Avolio took over the meeting.

Solicitor Avolio: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first hearing matter is to consider the textual change to the zoning ordinance. I'd ask that we open up the record for that and see if anybody is here to comment on that textual change for the zoning ordinance. Is anybody in attendance to comment on or provide testimony regarding the textual changes to the zoning ordinance of Hempfield Township? I need the record to reflect that nobody has appeared to comment or to provide testimony. You have been provided as the Supervisors with a copy of that textual change. Advertisement has been made. The County Planning Department has been provided. All consistent with the Municipal Planning Code Ordinance. Are there any questions for me of the proposed textual changes to this zoning ordinance?

Supervisor Reese: Any questions for Scott? No questions.

Solicitor Avolio: I think we can conclude the hearing on this proposed textual changes. As you see on Item Number 10 of the agenda, you may vote on that matter at that time.

Hearing for Textual Changes to Zoning Ordinance Concluded at 7:03 p.m.

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

- a) **Angelo Poullich** – Mr. Poullich of 321 Goodlin Drive, Greensburg, implored the Board of Supervisors to enforce the Township's franchise agreement contract with Comcast to install quality high speed internet to his area for the benefit of the residential neighborhood. He explained that he and his wife, Island, have made numerous attempts to contact Comcast to no

avail. In addition, he said he has even filed a complaint with the Public Utility Commission without ever receiving a response. Mr. Poulich informed the Board that Comcast is requiring him to pay the proposal fee before lines are run and service would begin. According to the franchise agreement, Comcast shall extend the cable system to all areas where there is a minimum of twenty-five (25) dwelling units. Furthermore, he said, according to the agreement, Comcast shall have the installation project completed within a three (3) month period. Mr. Poulich presented the Board of Supervisors with a copy of the service map for their review. Supervisor Reese acknowledged receiving Mr. Poulich's email regarding this matter, which he forwarded to the Supervisors, the Township manager, and the Township solicitor this afternoon. Supervisor Weimer advised Mr. Poulich that the Township's staff and solicitor will look further into the contract requirements with Comcast.

- b) **Roger Foley** – Mr. Foley of 2161 Centerville Road, New Stanton, advised the Board of Supervisors of a serious flooding problem on Centerville Road, which he brought to the attention of Township staff over two (2) years ago. He asked for an update on addressing this matter because he believes this is a safety hazard for the school buses and any other vehicular traffic traveling this roadway, especially in the winter when the water freezes. Mr. Foley also stated that this issue could be a liability to the Township because it's taking so long to correct. Public Works Director Doug Cisco commented that the Township did not receive easements from the property owners until last winter. He commented that the Public Works Department will review the matter further to adjust the priority on the proposed work schedule. Supervisor Reese advised Mr. Foley that the Township would be in touch with him.
- c) **Walter Weyandt** – Mr. Weyandt of 2172 Centerville Road, New Stanton, reiterated Mr. Foley's comments. In addition, he presented the Board of Supervisors with a copy of a video of the stormwater conditions during two (2) recent storms.
- d) **Ray Young** – Mr. Young of 148 Bus Garage Road, Greensburg, advised that the storm drain going into the old bus garage is clogged on both ends and the asphalt is damaged around it, too. Public Works Director Cisco said that the Public Works Department will investigate the status of the pipe. In addition, Mr. Young inquired about the speed limit on Bus Garage from Baltzer Meyer Pike to Middletown Road. Mr. Cisco said it should be 25 miles per hour. Mr. Young said there is no speed limit sign posted and that young children walk that road to and from school and it is very dangerous. Mr. Cisco said the Public Works Department will look into the matter of the speed limit posting.
- e) **Paul Gothier** – Mr. Gothier of 606 Stamford Drive, West Point, Greensburg, asked for an update on the Stamford Drive water issues since the last meeting of the Board on September 24th, 2018. Supervisor Reese and Weimer advised Mr. Gothier that the Township is prepared to move forward with the project and it has the utmost confidence with its Public Works Department's performance and expertise. Public Works Director Cisco added that the Public Works Department has successfully installed four (4) other ponds in the Township. Supervisors Reese and Weimer commented that there are always chances of delays due to big storms, equipment failures, etc. that are unforeseeable. However, Hempfield Township is committed in moving forward with the plan to have this project completed by early spring. Mr. Gothier thanked Mr. Cisco for keeping him updated with the status of the project. In addition, he said it was amazing what was accomplished in just two (2) days by the Public Works Department on-site.
- f) **George Owen** – Mr. Owen of 108 Spring Hill Lane, Manor, advised the Board of Supervisors about a serious stormwater concern that he believes developed ever since the property owned

by Mr. Rain was developed on Highland Avenue. He said it appears that the water problem is behind Highland and Trolley Street in Manor. Mr. Owen said the drains are clogged with heavy silt and rocks; the stormwater being generated cannot be handled by the existing catch basins; and also, a sink hole was created by the stormwater. Supervisor Reese advised Mr. Owen that he and his colleagues would discuss this matter further and get back to him.

- g) **Greg Saunders** – Mr. Saunders (Fire Chief of the Bovard Volunteer Fire Department) of 318 Price Street, Bovard, praised Fire and EMS Director Kovacic for the accomplishments he has made in just the three and a half months that he has been with the Township in resolving various concerns regarding the purchase of a pumper truck.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

- a) **October 17, 2018 – Personnel/Legal Matters**

Supervisor Reese advised that there was an executive session conducted as referenced above.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) **Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the September 24, 2018 Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors' Monthly Meeting** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Weimer, to approve the minutes of the Supervisors' September 24, 2018 monthly meeting. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- b) **Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the October 17, 2018 Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors' Special Public Meeting** -- Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Weimer, to approve the minutes of the Supervisors' September 24, 2018 monthly meeting. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

- a) **Jason Winters, Township Manager:**

1. **Park Fund Trustees Meeting** – Mr. Winters advised that the public meeting of the Park Fund Trustees will take place at the conclusion of this evening's Board of Supervisors' meeting.
2. **November 2018 Board of Supervisors' Meeting** – Mr. Winters advised that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th, 2018, with the Public Work Session being held on Wednesday, November 21st, 2018.
3. **PA Gaming Control Board Hearing** – Mr. Winters advised that on Wednesday, December 5th, 2018 the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board will have a public hearing at 10 a.m. at the Township Building about the mini casino. He noted that he has a meeting coming up with them to get more details. The website and social media will be updated with pertinent information about the hearing and about the need to register to speak.
4. **Project Manager for the West Point Pond Project** – Mr. Winters advised that after further discussion regarding the West Point Pond Project it was decided that the proposed project manager duties could be handled in-house by Township staff including the Public Works Department, Public Works Director, the Assistant Public Works Director, Township Engineer, and Township Manager. He also informed the Board of Supervisors that

approximately one hundred seventy (170) letters were mailed out to neighbors along Stamford and Flagstaff Drives, including some other streets in the general vicinity, informing them of the scheduled project and that any inquiries should be directed to Mr. Cisco or Mr. Storey.

b) **Patrick Karnash, Planning Director**

1. **Biondi Subdivision Plan No. 20180575** – Mr. Karnash advised the Board of Supervisors that contingencies listed on the agenda for the Biondi Subdivision Plan have been satisfied as of earlier today. Therefore, he said this plan can be signed this evening upon approval.
2. **Lake Lago, Inc. Subdivision Plan No. 20180574** – Mr. Karnash deferred comment to Solicitor Avolio about the Lake Lago, Inc. Subdivision Plan. Solicitor Avolio advised that the property owner and his surveyor were notified by the Township to withdraw the proposed subdivision because it conflicts with the PRD (Planned Residential Development). Since a letter of withdrawal was not received by the Township, Mr. Avolio recommended that the Board of Supervisors deny the subdivision.
3. **Clover Development Extension Request** – Supervisor Ritson asked the length of the time extension request. Mr. Winters said that the extension request is for sixty (60) days.

c) **James Shaw, Code & Safety Director:**

1. **Peoples Gas Contacted Regarding Stamford Drive Exposed Gas Line** – Mr. Shaw said that he and Mr. Cisco contacted Peoples Gas about the exposed gas line on Stamford Drive. As of this time, no response has been received about the inquiry.
2. **Training** – Mr. Shaw informed the Board that he is now certified in hazmat and also a property maintenance and housing inspector by the ICC. In closing, he noted that the whole code and zoning department received continuing education this month.
3. **Road Signs** – Supervisor Weimer asked about the proposed review of the speed signs. Mr. Shaw said that the project he was working on involves more specialty signs such as “No Parking” and “Handicapped”. He added that the Public Works department, as it replaces signs such as “Speed Limit”, “Stop”, etc., will be tracking these sign locations with GPS tracking. Mr. Cisco explained that every sign gets GPS and logged in the system. Usually, he said, after the Township paves an area, all of the signs are checked and replaced. Unfortunately, he explained that the sign department got behind because the Township did not receive the grant for the sign machine.

d) **Scott Avolio, Solicitor:**

1. **Lake Lago, Inc. Subdivision Plan No. 20180574** – Mr. Avolio noted that he already updated the Board earlier in the meeting about this plan.
2. **Tax Assessment Appeals** – Mr. Avolio informed the Board that he received a number of notices from the Tax Office of withdrawals of the pending tax appeals. He said he believes at this point that they are relatively complete now.

e) **Melanie Phillips, Finance Director:**

1. **Financial Report** – Mrs. Phillips reported to the Board of Supervisors that at the end of September the revenues are at 83% collected; expenses at 65% spent. She noted that her review of legal expenses over the last few years determined an average of about \$150,000 a year.
 2. **Hearing Scheduled for Comcast Franchise Agreement** – Mrs. Phillips advised that the hearing for the Comcast franchise agreement, which expires at the end of December 2020, will be November 21st, 2018, which is the date of the Public Work Session.
 3. **Budgets** – Mrs. Phillips advised that a balanced budget for 2019 for General Fund Operating, Liquid Fuels, and Capital Projects was presented to the Board of Supervisors for review.
- f) **Aaron Siko, Parks and Recreation Director:**
1. **Fall Family Night** – Mr. Siko commented that Fall Family Night at the Township Park on Saturday, October 20, 2018 overall was a success, even with the adverse weather. Supervisor Weimer complimented Mr. Siko on a job well done with the event.
 2. **2019 CDBG Application** – Mr. Siko noted an item later on the agenda entitled 2019 CDBG Application will be considered for action by the Board of Supervisors.
 3. **Amphitheater** – Mr. Siko advised that a punch list will be reviewed tomorrow for the amphitheater project, which is near completion. In addition, he said that the lighting is expected to be delivered and installed on November 10th, 2018.
 4. **2019 Parks & Recreation Project List** – Mr. Siko commented that a more thorough review of the proposed project list for 2019 Parks & Recreation and funding can be discussed at the Public Work Session on November 21, 2018.
- g) **Anthony Kovacic, Fire and EMS Director:**
1. **Fire Prevention** – Mr. Kovacic advised that Fire Prevention Day on October 9th, 2018 at Westmoreland Mall was a huge success. In addition, he said, various fire departments conducted fire prevention activities at area schools and preschools.
 2. **Aerial Truck** – Mr. Kovacic said that his department has dedicated a lot of time to the aerial project and he is happy to report that it is ahead of schedule and putting together a very good package. Supervisor Ritson asked the cost differential between the original truck proposed to the lighter weight one now. Mr. Kovacic said that he is right on with his projected budget numbers that he submitted for the 2019 projects. Supervisor Logan responded that it was higher than that – probably by \$50,000 to \$80,000.
- h) **Dan Schmitt, Engineer** – Mr. Schmitt advised that he submitted his report last week and that there was not anything new to add.
1. **Projects On-Going** – Mr. Schmitt commented that there are three (3) projects on-going at this point in time:
 - **Holly-Redgrave Project** – This project, in in the area of Pitt at Greensburg, involves replacing two (2) culverts. He anticipates this project to be complete before the weather

flies. However, Mr. Schmitt said whether we will get full restoration and the roads paved is the question because the asphalt plants typically shut down Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

- **Paving Project** –Mr. Schmitt advised that the paving project is wrapping up and all that is left are a few items on the punch list.
- **2018 CDBG Project** – Mr. Schmitt advised the Board of Supervisors that the Township received notification from Westmoreland County that it can proceed with its 2018 CDBG Project.

2. **West Point Elementary School** – Supervisor Ritson asked Mr. Schmitt whether or not the West Point Elementary School improvements could be contributing to the water issues of Mr. Leachman at 527 Arthur Place. He noted that Mr. Leachman believes that all of his water issues started since the West Point Elementary School project. Mr. Schmitt said that he did not see a smoking gun upon his review of the West Point Elementary School relative to its stormwater facilities or paving. He pointed out that the Township has seen a lot of situations where people cannot mow their back yards because of the tremendous rain this year. Supervisor Logan said that he could tell you from 40 years of being in the field – farming – he’s never seen a fall as wet as it is right now. He said he can’t get the fields to support the equipment to do the harvest activities in a lot of places.

i) **Doug Cisco, Public Works Director:**

1. **Storm and Tree Clean-Up** – Mr. Cisco said the Public Works Department has been doing a lot of storm and tree cleanup this past month on many different occasions.
2. **Pipe Jobs** – Mr. Cisco said the Public Works Department has been performing pipe job projects including those on Rocky Mountain Road; Sweitzer Hill, Rosedale; Pine Hill, Newport and Glenn Fox, in addition to numerous other ones.
3. **Salt Deliveries** – Mr. Cisco advised that the salt deliveries are ninety (90) percent complete with 4,000 ton in stock. In addition, salt has to be delivered to Hempfield Park, the Adamsburg satellite area, as well as to the School District.
4. **Five Star Trail** – The repairs to the Five Star Trail since the flooding are complete and it is now officially open.
5. **West Point Stormwater Project** – Mr. Cisco commented that the Public Works Department is in day 3 of the project. He said that all of the equipment is on-site, including an industrial chipper for the trees. In addition, he said that the next phase will involve some major hauling of stumps off the site to a couple of dump sites established throughout the Township. Mr. Cisco said that the pipe has already been ordered and that the boxes will be ordered tomorrow.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Supervisor Logan said that he would defer to the report given by the Finance Director, Melanie Phillips.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve the following payment of bills as listed below. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

a.	General Fund	\$ 762,054.66	b.	Capital Project Fund	\$ 47,071.59
c.	Light District Account	\$ 4,432.71	d.	Liquid Fuel	\$ 291,350.45
e.	Recreation	\$ 2,335.00			

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve the payment for Carbon VFD in the amount of \$4,470.52. Vote: 4-Yes. Supervisor Reese – Abstained. Motion carried.

9. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS: None

10. DECISIONS FROM HEARINGS:

- a) **Consideration to Approve Ordinance No. 2018-07; Amending Ordinance No. 2014-02 Codified as Chapter 87 (Zoning) of the Code of the Township of Hempfield** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-07. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

11. SUBDIVISION PLANS:

- a) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-124; Granting Final Conditional Approval for the Lake Lago, Inc. Subdivision – Plan No. 20180574:**

Location	Alta Vita Drive
Purpose	Side lot addition
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding Hempfield Township plan number • Providing evidence that the lake is not part of the ground of PRD • Verification of any deed restrictions

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to deny Resolution No. 2018-124 based upon the recommendation from the Township solicitor. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- b) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-125; Granting Final Conditional Approval for the Biondi Subdivision – Plan No. 20180575:**

Location	601 Penn High Park Road, Jeannette
Purpose	3.7779-acre parcel as a side-lot addition
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding the Hempfield Township plan number • Adding non-building nomenclature for Parcel A • Adding signature lines for both Peter & Debra Biondi since they are the prospective buyers

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution #2018-125. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

c) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-126; Granting Final Conditional Approval for the Powers Plan of Lots Subdivision – Plan No. 20180511:**

Location	830 Middletown Road
Purpose	Create two (2) parcels – one will contain existing home; other parcel will be a buildable lot for son’s new house
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-lot septic system approval

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve Resolution #2018-126. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

d) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-127; Granting Final Approval for the Lishego Subdivision Plan – Plan No. 2018509:**

Location	Trouttown Road at Volcano Street
Purpose	Consolidate the owner’s two (2) parcels into one (1)
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve Resolution #2018-127. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

e) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-128; Granting Final Approval for the Roth Plan Amended Subdivision Plan – Plan No. 20180506:**

Location	Lot 2 Lenhart Avenue at intersection of Wendel Road
Purpose	To define Lot 2 as a buildable lot
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Silvis, to approve Resolution #2018-128. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

12. SITE PLANS:

a) **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2018-129; Granting Final Conditional Approval for the (Vargo) Accelerated Storage Site Plan – Plan No. 20180507:**

Location	Lot 2, Lenhart Avenue
Purpose	Construct indoor storage building with parking
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEP planning module Stormwater management approval E & S control plan approval

Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Silvis, to approve Resolution #2018-129. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- b) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-130; Granting an Extension of Time for Clover Development to Comply with Final Conditional Approval for the Clover Communities Hempfield LLC Senior Housing Site Plan – Plan No. 20180058:**

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve Resolution No. 2018-130. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- c) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-131; Granting an Extension of Time for GetGo Hempfield to Comply with Final Conditional Approval for the GetGo Hempfield Plan of Lots and Land Development – Plan No. 20180096:**

Solicitor Avolio advised that GetGo sent a letter to the Township dated October 15, 2018 requesting a sixty (60) day extension to file their subdivision plan and a six (6) month extension to comply with the terms of their site plan approval since they are still waiting for their highway occupancy permits from the state and the county.

Supervisor Ritson asked whether or not the developer is prepared to perform snow removal services. Mr. Karnash said that they have indicated that they are prepared. Supervisor Ritson asked what recourse the Township would have should the developer not perform the snow removal. Solicitor Avolio responded a breach of contract claim. Supervisor Logan said that if the developer violates the contract, the Township would have the option to not let the plan move forward. In addition, Supervisor Logan said that should snow removal services not be provided by the developer, then the Township will perform them and invoice them accordingly.

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Silvis, to approve Resolution #2018-131.

Supervisor Ritson asked that the motion be rescinded and that the extension period be changed to three (3) months and re-evaluated at that time. Supervisor Weimer stated that he did not lack any confidence from the meeting with the snow removal agreement with the developer.

Original motion on the floor: Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Silvis, to approve Resolution #2018-131. Vote: 4-Yes. Supervisor Ritson – No. Motion carried.

13. ITEMS FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- a) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-132; Authorizing the Hiring of Hoffman’s Boarding Kennels as the Township Dog Law Enforcement Officer for the Year 2019 –**
Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve Resolution No. 2018-132. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- b) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-133; Authorizing the Release of Financial Security for Greensburg Care Center Associates, LLC –** Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Silvis, to approve Resolution No. 2018-133. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- c) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-134; Authorizing the Release of Financial Security for the Jodaron Route 119 Development – Plan No. 20142157 –** Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve Resolution No. 2018-134. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- d) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-135; Authorizing the Release of Financial Security for the Ridilla Family Partnership Equity Drive, Lot 2, Buildings 3 & 4 Parking Lot Expansion Site Plan – Plan No. 20180030** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution No. 2018-135. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- e) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-136; Authorizing the Execution and Authorization for Hempfield Township to Apply for a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit for Allegheny Health Network (AHN)** – Supervisor Silvis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan to approve Resolution No. 2018-136. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- f) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-137; Approving the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Odin View Senior Apartments** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2018-137. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- g) **Consideration to Approve Submission and Establish Priority Ranking for a 2019 CDBG Application for Hempfield Park ADA Walkways and Set as a Priority 2** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve submission and establish priority ranking for a 2019 CDBG application for Hempfield Park ADA walkways and set as a Priority 2. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- h) **Consideration to Approve and Authorization to Advertise the 2019 Preliminary General Fund Operating Budget** – Finance Director Melanie Phillips noted that this is a preliminary 2019 General Fund Operating Budget, which has no tax increase. Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve and authorization to advertise the 2019 preliminary General Fund Operating Budget. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- i) **Consideration to Approve and Authorization to Advertise the 2019 Preliminary Liquid Fuels Budget** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve and authorization to advertise the 2019 preliminary Liquid Fuels Budget. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- j) **Consideration to Approve and Authorization to Advertise the 2019 Preliminary Capital Budget** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Silvis, to table and not authorize to advertise the 2019 preliminary Capital Budget until the November 2018 meeting. Supervisor Weimer asked Supervisor Logan his reason for tabling the matter. Supervisor Logan said there are some significant things on the Capital Budget that he would like the Board to discuss further that would possibly change and reduce the appropriations. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- k) **Consideration to Approve the Sale of the Following Items Through Municibid Sale:**

	Item	Listing No.	Bid Amount	Winning Bidder
1.	2000 Ford F-550	18358850	\$9,600.00	Garry Miller
2.	2004 New Alexandria Trailer	18359936	\$2,451.00	Norb Belsterling
3.	2 Truck Tool Boxes	18360169	\$210.00	Matthew Lutz
4.	Lincoln 150 MiG Welder	18465062	\$210.00	T. Hill
5.	GE Electric Oven	18365099	\$56.00	Lee Schuch
6.	Wood Picnic Tables #1	18365594	\$155.00	Edwin Warshel

7.	Wood Picnic Tables #2	18365674	\$41.00	John Coates
8.	Wood Picnic Tables #3	18365753	\$40.00	Sean Wilson

Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve the sale of the above-listed items through Municibid sale. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- l) **Consideration to Approve the Bureau of Fire SOP #100.13 – Drug & Alcohol Policy** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve the Bureau of Fire SOP #100.13 – Drug & Alcohol Policy. Supervisor Ritson asked if the drug and alcohol policy had been vetted by the Hempfield Fire Chiefs’ Association. Fire and EMS Director, Anthony Kovacic, said that he would present it to the Fire Chiefs’ meeting on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018, and bring the matter back for the November 27, 2018 Board of Supervisors’ meeting. Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to rescind the original motion. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried. Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to table action on the Bureau of Fire SOP #100.13 – Drug & Alcohol Policy until the November 27, 2018 meeting. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- m) **Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #5 in the Amount of \$14,250.00 to JT Masonry Construction for the Hempfield Park Amphitheater Construction – Contract 2/2018** – Supervisor Ritson asked for the project completion date for the amphitheater. Mr. Siko said at this point mid-November 2018. Supervisor Ritson asked if the Township was still on track with the amount that was budgeted and whether or not there were any new unexpected expenditures and/or change orders. Mrs. Phillips said she was aware of none. Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$14,250.00 to JT Masonry Construction for the Hempfield Park amphitheater construction – Contract 2/2018. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- n) **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:**

	Name	Position	Fire Department
1.	Kaitlyn F. Black	Junior Firefighter	Fort Allen V.F.D.
2.	Harry Henry	Senior Firefighter	North Hempfield V.F.D.

Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve the above-listed 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.

14. OLD BUSINESS: None

15. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Stormwater Concerns** – Supervisor Weimer asked for clarity in regards to stormwater concerns brought to the attention of the Township. Mr. Cisco said that the Centerville Road issues were already researched and put on the problem areas list to be addressed as a project. However, new concerns just being received by the Township, such as the Trolley/Highlands area have to initially be investigated for a possible determination as to the cause. After the investigation is complete, further information will be provided to the Board of Supervisors.

b) **Discussion on Grants:**

Supervisor Weimer: “We’ve had some discussions when we were talking about recreation tonight and I just wanted to have clarity from the Board. Is the Board ? Our discussions about the grants that were sought by the Township for the projects for our plan, am I to understand that we’re looking at possibly not following through with the intent of what we had in mind in our plan that we began four (4) years ago and a plan that, as with some other things, takes some time to evolve. It takes time for us to create and achieve, you know, to create community partnerships, which we have done; to apply for grants, which we did; and to reserve funds by the Township to make sure that we were going to be able to match those grants, if they were to come to fruition and a number of them have. So, I’m just trying to see clarity here, from a Board discussion is are we trying to not move forward completely on this plan, that we’ve invested a lot of time in creating. It was, I think, prudent for us to think about all of the time, research, investment in the consultants and staff, that we acquired to achieve our goal that the Board spent a lot of time putting into motion and I feel that if this Board makes changes to the plan that we have already set in motion for the revitalization project, which was widely discussed within the Township, and money that the money could be wasted. Even worse, the community partners who were invited to participate in the project could lose faith in our mission and we might have difficulty obtaining community partners in the future. I certainly want to continue building upon partnerships that this Board was able to create over the last few years. We spent, I believe, \$72,000 on Michael Ward as a consultant for research and acquisition of the grants with the specific purpose related to adopting the Hempfield Parks Revitalization Plan. I know that Mr. Ritson here is a new Board member and but I’m sure he was well aware of our plans...”

Mr. Ritson: “No I wasn’t but go ahead. But go ahead. Tonight I actually got the most detailed explanation that I’ve been looking for, so, before you continue to speak for me, go ahead and finish what you are saying.”

Mr. Weimer: “I’m glad you interjected cause that is something that I’m concerned about. When we hired Mr. Ward, as a consultant, I felt confident that he was going to visit Senator Ward’s office and that is where you also work ...”

Mr. Ritson: “Right.”

Mr. Weimer: “So I would assume that he would have spoken to you and you would probably be well aware, because I believe it was your office that assisted us with some of these grants. I mean we hired him to do a job, I thought he went to your office because if he did not, then I’m questioning...”

Mr. Ritson: “You can take that up with him. I’m here speaking for me. So while you are making these, pontificating about things that you don’t know about it ... Here’s what I do know.”

Mr. Weimer: “Enlighten me.”

Mr. Ritson: “Why don’t you let me finish on what I do know.”

Mr. Weimer: “I didn’t get to finish.”

Mr. Ritson: “You started putting words in my mouth. I’m sorry if this...”

Mr. Weimer: “If you will allow me to finish..”

Mr. Ritson: “Perfectly, as long as you’ll talk about the plan and if you want to talk to me...”

Mr. Weimer: “The only thing that I know that you and I agree on is moving forward with recreation and I have no problem with moving forward with additional plans for recreation with that might be starting out with a comprehensive plan, with moving, including some of the way that we did here, which was very fruitful of us to get those grants. So, I am concerned about where we are going to go in the future and if we are actually jeopardizing... What I think you and I have common ground is continuing to invest in this community with recreation. So, the comments that we have had at our work session related to the information provided by our rec director, that is all very concerning to me because I think it could jeopardize what we are doing and you stated that Mr. Ward didn’t work with your office but now...”

Mr. Ritson: “I’m not stating anything yet until you let me talk.”

Mr. Weimer: “Okay. Please clarify.”

Mr. Ritson: “Okay. Are you done? Do you have everything done?”

Mr. Weimer: “Well, I might say something after you’re done. I’ll reserve my right to continue to speak.”

Mr. Ritson: “Excellent. Thank you. So, just so we’re clear, until Aaron put together an incredibly good description over where our funding sources were dedicated to and how they were dedicated to it, even a resident of Hempfield wouldn’t understand what your vision or plan was in Hempfield Park. Now I just want to make sure. Now I know. Calm down. So, the point being is that there are dedicated funds. So, I think within the framework of the dedicated funds, once I got an assessment of where we were at on our dedicated funds, no one wants to lose opportunities from DCED on a grant funding. So, my discussions, in particular here tonight, when I mentioned that if we are unable to get the DCNR funds, how can we make sure we utilize the other funds without losing them. It was by no means some type of side movement to giving back State money. Again, I understand that this is your baby out there but you know there’s more to just Hempfield than Hempfield Park. So, your vision of recreation is fine and this is okay, to a point, but all I’m arguing last week was when and can we start looking at the rest of Hempfield Township and that bugged you. Apparently. So, as I look at these funding options today, I’m okay with the fact that we have dedicated funds, and I didn’t realize that until last Wednesday, so we’re going to try to work within the framework of what our dedicated funds are but I do not want to move on 2019 without making some movement toward planning out other areas of the Township and I think I made that abundantly clear last week. So, there’s ways that we can finish doing a lot of what we were trying to do at Hempfield Park and there has to be a way to look at 2019 and start planning elsewhere in the Township. That’s my position.”

Mr. Weimer: “I was concerned at our work session that we might be moving funds around to do other things and so that bugged me yes. It never bugged me to look at in the other areas of the Township, as I previously stated. So, moving forward with investing in recreation in the Township is something that has always been a goal of mine. I know that this Board has had that goal when we created this nice brochure that was available and distributed throughout the community, as well as put on presentations at different community organizations and we made all of this stuff available at our community days that we used to have at the park. So, I think that it was rather easy to understand, and it’s also, I think, continuously available on our website. So, it was very much out there other than just a sheet of numbers here that you might think was too complicated for our residents to understand.”

Mr. Ritson: “ I didn’t say that. I just said the residents never got a chance to see this. I can tell you that they haven’t seen this stuff and let me tell you, you’ll know next year, when you run, because I spent a year walking neighborhoods. People want... That may make you feel good, to say that, but residents are asking me why are you not doing anything in other parts of the County or the Township. So, you can point to that all you want. Point being is let’s do what we have, move forward and open up to next year. Not everything is an attack on your legacy. Any new idea or option to do things, you know, you were really upset last week. I don’t know why.”

Mr. Silvis: “Mr. Chairman, point of order.”

Mr. Weimer: “I don’t think it’s a legacy issue until I’ve left the Board. So, no I don’t think it’s an attack.”

Mr. Silvis: “Aaron has been on staff not even a month yet. I think we owe him the courtesy to look at the total picture and come back. I think he knows what we want and what we want to do but it’s not fair to him at this point. “

Mr. Weimer: “It just bugs me not to jeopardize all of the work that was done for a plan and so, moving forward, if we’re going to look at other properties and investments in other areas of the Township, absolutely, we need a plan and I am not opposed to that.”

16. PROCLAMATIONS: None

17. SUPERVISORS’ COMMENTS:

Supervisor Tom Logan – Supervisor Logan did not have any comments

Supervisor John Silvis – Supervisor Silvis commented as follows: “I want to address the residents from West Point. Every time they mention about previous staff and the previous Supervisors. I think Doug and I go back the furthest, and we served with two (2) Supervisors who lived there – Mr. Davidson and Mr. Bossi. It’s a problem and hopefully it’s not a problem now. We have a solution. One of the most frustrating projects that I’ve been involved with is Stamford Drive, along with Mr. Bossi, and Mr. Davidson, and now Mr. Ritson, served as manager when we went through all of the trials and tribulations. So, we made a decision to move forward and I think it should be a united effort, including the residents, Mr. Cisco, Mr. Winters and the Board to get this thing done. We decided to move on and let’s get it behind us and let’s look at it from a positive, proactive program and get done with it. It’s been a long time coming. I want to wish everybody a happy Halloween and be safe.”

Supervisor Doug Weimer: – Supervisor Weimer commented as follows: “I wanted to compliment our newest member to the staff that Aaron did an excellent job out there at the park considering the fact that Family Fun Night was only getting started and we had a thunderstorm occurring with the wind that came through and sort of scattered folks and was dampening our fire out there and was sort of making a change to the schedule but the folks I think endured that and everyone that was present continued to have a great time and I think the compliments to him and his staff for all that they did for making everyone comfortable out there and helping to usher everybody into the shelter and meet all of their needs. There was plenty of hot chocolate and hot apple cider for everyone to go around and hot dogs and everything else. It was a great event and look forward to next years’. Also, I want to continue to compliment everybody that was involved with fire prevention night, our volunteer firefighters, all the companies that were involved, our staff, that was a fantastic turn out and I think that it does a lot to inspire young people to want to serve in our community fire services and I think in reaching out to them, that’s what I always want to make sure that that opportunity is there in their minds and I think probably in the future benefit from that. Happy to hear that we are going to continue to move forward with recreation projects. Thank you.”

Supervisor Rob Ritson: – Supervisor Ritson commented as follows: “First I’d like to say to you, Doug, that what I do during the day for Senator Ward is what Senator Ward wants. So, it’s one of the enjoyments I have of being my own elected official that I can make my own decisions and that’s what I enjoy doing up here, even if it aggravates you. I also want to point out that ten (10) years ago I remember sitting at that table and presenting to that then Board two (2) flood control projects that myself and the staff felt were important to the community. Those projects were Ft. Allen reconstruction stormwater and the West Point Stamford Drive Stormwater project. That Ft. Allen project was successfully completed shortly after I left and I’m really happy, in some ways, that we are able to reinvigorate the Stamford Drive project in the ten (10) months that I have been in office. So, I’m very grateful that we’re able to get that project moving. So, it’s been a lot of brought up but you know those were projects near and dear before I left as a manager and I’m glad to see that we’re finally getting to West Point. So, you know Doug (Cisco), we had a conversation last week. I mean I expect that you will do good things there and anticipate that we’ll get it done when we say that we’ll get it done and we’ll do right by these residents finally. So, I appreciate it. Thank you.”

Supervisor George Reese – Supervisor Reese commented as follows: “Paul, and all of the Stamford Drive residents, we’ll go back to what you said last month, what has happened in the past, we’ll move forward now. I have full confidence in the leadership of Mr. Cisco and we have a lot of talented people in the Department of Public Works. You will see that as we progress through this. And I have confidence in them also. The project will have, I’m sure, it’s times that we’ll have to take a step back and reevaluate. Winter will come, could cause us delays, but the objective is clear. It’s time to get it done. We will get it done and we’ll get it done under Mr. Cisco’s leadership and the workers that we have here. So, each month, I’ll look forward to seeing you up there from time to time.” Mr. Gothier commented, “Let me do this. I will leave here tonight with more confidence than I’ve had in ten (10) years. My reputation is on the line because I talk to the residents on Stamford. I have confidence that it is going to get done and I’ll put my reputation on the line to back you all. So, don’t let me down and I won’t let you down. I promise you that.” Mr. Reese continued, “George Owen – we are going to talk. Give us some time. I want to review things. No guarantees but we’re going to look at it. We’re going to talk. Okay.”

18. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Reese adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary