

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 25, 2019

A. 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
Mr. Zach Freeman

PROCLAMATIONS AWARDED – See Item “P” for Proclamations on Page 11

B. HEARINGS:

- 1) **Donald E. Andree, RJA Farm, LLC – 192 Possum Hollow Road
(Tax Map #50-19-00-0-069) to be included in the Agricultural Security Area:**

Solicitor Scott Avolio took over the meeting.

Solicitor Avolio: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Tonight, we do have a hearing for the agricultural security zone for RJA Farm, LLC. Is Mr. Donald Andree available or anybody from RJA Farms?

Mr. Andree: I am Donald.

Solicitor Avolio: Donald, would you please come up and just, for the purpose of the record, announce the property. I can read into the Tax Map Number of your property is 50-19-00-0-069 and it represents 93.6 acres.

Mr. Andree: That is correct.

Solicitor Avolio: So, for the purpose of the record, please testify to your mailing address.

Mr. Andree: I am Donald Andree. My mailing address is 176 Possum Hollow Road. The property, RJA Farms, is address 192 Possum Hollow Road.

Solicitor Avolio: And you are here as an agent for RJA Farms, LLC?

Mr. Andree: Yes, I am.

Solicitor Avolio: And you are requesting that the Township set that property in the agricultural security zone?

Mr. Andree: That is correct.

Solicitor Avolio: Does anybody from the Board have any questions for Mr. Andree?

Supervisor Weimer: How many acres is it?

Mr. Andree: 93.6.

Solicitor Avolio: Since there are no further questions, is there anybody in the audience here to testify or make comment regarding the proposal of the agricultural security zoned acceptance of the RJA Farms, LLC property?

Ms. Nenoff: I just want to know if it's up against my property.

Solicitor Avolio: Could you come up and state your name for the record and address.

Ms. Nenoff: My name is Kathryn Nenoff and I live at 282 Edna Road, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. You are on Possum Hollow Road?

Mr. Andree: Yes.

Ms. Nenoff: I am on Edna Road and I just want to know where in the heck is your farm.

Mr. Andree: It's the second farm up.

Ms. Nenoff: Okay. From? 282?

Mr. Andree: It's the second farm up from Adamsburg Road.

Ms. Nenoff: Okay. Okay. Mine is up further but I butt up against Blackberry Farm.

Mr. Andree: Okay. My property abuts Blackberry Farm.

Ms. Nenoff: Okay. Okay. That's okay. As long as you do whatever it is for agricultural, that's fine.

Mr. Andree: That's all I'm asking.

Ms. Nenoff: That's fine. Thanks.

Supervisor Silvis: Are you the former Heasley farm?

Mr. Andree: No. The Polson farm is after me and then the Heasley farm is next.

Ms. Nenoff: Okay. Okay. I just never knew where this farm was and I'm on the other end of Possum Hollow Road and I have 111 acres. If anybody has any problems with gas wells, contact me. I have no problem with it.

Solicitor Avolio: Are there any other questions from the Supervisors? Now with that I would close the record for the RJA Farms, LLC.

Supervisor Ritson: How about any other testimony?

Solicitor Avolio: Oh. I'm sorry. Thank you very much.

Mr. Ciarimboli: Al Ciarimboli is my name. I am on Possum Hollow Road, the next farm there. I talked to Mr. Andree's grandfather. They took some ground off of me a few years back where they cut the trees and I got the surveyor and the surveyor went to work for him. And the idea here is they took three acres off of me and we have both owned the property over fifty years and I want my ground back. The surveyor surveyed the ground and I don't know why, but I know the Andree's don't have no right to take my ground and I think it should be postponed. They have fifteen (15) houses on their property or more. They tore the barn down and the question here is when there was some danger with my life with them people because they threatened me a few times. I don't want to discuss it too much. But the question is that over twenty years ago and somebody told my mother that they said they were going to threaten my life on the property because I don't know why. But the question here is, I would like to have my ground back. The surveyor a few years ago and I think it should be postponed until we get that settled on that property and we bought it back in 1952 and there is supposed to be an agreement that any place that don't close on our property, comes to us on a land agreement – it's supposed to be in the courthouse and we bought it back in 1952 and it's Eugene and Therese and I had to take my name off of the property because they had a few threats on my life. And I don't like that. The question here is they had a tree fell over, a 50 by 5' in diameter red oak tree and it was on my property but the guy bought the lumber trees – they didn't cut that but when it fell over, they went up and got it. Well, that's my tree. I'd like to have my \$500 for my tree. Because my deed didn't close, that's too damn bad. They know where their fence and the line is and I know where theirs is and I don't have no right to sell my ground off and tried to deal with their grandfather and he said don't worry about it. That was a while back. And, I don't think it should be agricultural security much because they gave twenty or more acres to APEX with the gas and they don't have much of a farm left. I just don't believe it. Thank you. This is my attorney.

Attorney Lazzaro: Gentleman and ladies. I'm Michael Lazzaro, filling in for Kim Houser, graciously on this. I just found out about this maybe two hours ago so I need a little bit of time here. It does sound like there's three acres or so that could potentially be missing from the property. There is a surveyor set to go out next week. The only thing that we are asking is that you table it, if you can, and give us sixty days so that we can take a look and find out where the missing acreage is.

Mr. Ciarimboli: I got the surveyor working for me and he went and worked for Andree and he kept my prints, too. And I don't like that and I think something is wrong here. I want my ground back. That's all there is to it. They didn't have any right to do that. So the question here is just because my deed ain't closed and I know we had a pin in there and somebody must have took it out. Okay. Thank you.

Solicitor Avolio: Is that it, Mr. Lazzaro?

Attorney Lazzaro: Yes.

Solicitor Avolio: Has any action been filed at this time?

Attorney Lazzaro: Not to my knowledge. Like I said, I'm two hours deep into this so you guys of hearing about this as I am. I sympathize.

Solicitor Avolio: I would advise the Board that it is on your agenda. I don't believe that the request, although it may be legitimate, has any affect on the granting of the agricultural security. If there is a civil action in result of those three acres, the agricultural security would not affect that action at the time but that would be declared back. This is for the purposes of a hearing tonight whether the elements of what agricultural security permit would be. He did make reference to some homes but it appears in our research those homes have been subdivided long ago from these 93 acres. So, I am just putting that before the Board. Thank you.

Attorney Lazzaro: Thank you.

Supervisor Weimer: Can we just have clarity from someone that the agricultural security contains one domicile or you said that there were some removed from what the argument was about here so?

Solicitor Avolio: They had all been removed.

Supervisor Weimer: Okay.

Solicitor Avolio: There is a subdivision. I wish I could up the overhead. Mr. Karnash has it to show you it. A number of properties that extend the road. This 93 acres is actually bisected by Possum Hollow Road...

Mr. Karnash: There is a large parcel to the right and then this one outlined in blue just to the east there.

Solicitor Avolio: So, there are a number of residential homes but they have been subdivided off of this.

Supervisor Weimer: The acreage that we are being asked to include in agricultural security is just vacant land?

Solicitor Avolio: Correct.

Mr. Karnash: There is one home and a barn on the remaining parcel.

Mr. Andree: The farmhouse and the out buildings of the farm are there.

Supervisor Logan: And this property is zoned Agricultural use. Correct?

Mr. Andree: Yes, sir, it is.

Solicitor Avolio: I close the record for tonight's hearing on this matter. Thank you.

Agricultural Security Area Hearing Concluded at 7:16 p.m.

Supervisor Logan stated that he has an item to add to the agenda, which would be number thirty (30), "Consideration to create a five-member citizens task force to be focused on fire and emergency medical services policies in Hempfield Township to operate from now through December 31st, 2020.

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

- 1) **Rudy Mangini** – Mr. Mangini of 711 Bridge Avenue, Greensburg, stated that any decisions relative to possibly establishing a police force in Hempfield Township should be on a referendum and voted on by the taxpayers and not solely by the Board of Supervisors.
- 2) **Dan Galbraith** – Mr. Galbraith of 637 Westland Drive, Greensburg, announced that, as a candidate for Hempfield Township Supervisor, he does not believe a police force is needed at this time. However, he said, if it would come to that point where establishing a police force would have to be considered, the decision should be made by referendum. Mr. Galbraith also requested that the Board of Supervisors reconsider establishing the Public Safety Commission, which was voted down last month, because, he believes, it would give a forum for the voice of the residents to address their safety and security concerns.
- 3) **Scott Graham** – Mr. Graham of 40 Cherokee Drive, Greensburg, stressed to the Board of Supervisors that the twelve (12) volunteer fire departments of Hempfield Township lack funds, manpower, equipment and overall support. He expressed his displeasure in the Board of Supervisors decision last month to vote down (3-2) the proposed Public Safety Commission.
- 4) **Michael Wolford** – Mr. Wolford of 527 Buckingham Drive, Greensburg, said that he doesn't understand why everybody panicked when the talk of a police force was mentioned. He added that he believed the proposed Public Safety Commission would have been of benefit to the Township residents. Mr. Wolford said that a lot of places have fire taxes or emergency taxes to benefit the volunteer fire departments or a police force.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

- 1) **Legal & Personnel – February 25, 2019**
- 2) **Legal & Personnel – March 20, 2019**

Supervisor Reese advised that there were executive sessions conducted as referenced above.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) **Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the February 25, 2019 Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors' Monthly Meeting** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve the minutes of the Supervisors' February 25, 2019 monthly meeting. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

F. STAFF REPORTS:

- 1) **Jason Winters, Township Manager:**
 1. **2019 F-250 XL Extended Cab 4x4** – Mr. Winters commended the Public Works Department in doing their due diligence in saving an additional \$200 on the price for the

2019 F-250 XL Extended Cab 4x4, which is on the agenda for consideration later on in the meeting.

2. **Allocation of Additional Funds for the 2019 Hot Mix Paving Program** – Mr. Winters advised the Board of Supervisors that the allocation of the additional funds for the 2019 Hot Mix Paving Program brings the project funding to 1.8 million dollars.
3. **Fire Hydrants** – Mr. Winters advised the Board of Supervisors that he is following up with the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County to ascertain a value for the proposed fire hydrant relocations.

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

1. **Financial Report** – Mrs. Phillips reported to the Board of Supervisors that two (2) months into the year both revenues and expenses are in line.
2. **Year End Bill Payment Policy** – Mrs. Phillips advised the Board of Supervisors of the proposed new year end bill payment policy that is a result of the last audit.

3) **Anthony Kovacic, Fire and EMS Director:**

1. **Aerial Trucks** – Mr. Kovacic advised that he spent a considerable amount of time working on the two (2) aerial pieces, which are on target to take delivery by year's end.
2. **Emergency Management** – Mr. Kovacic informed the Board of Supervisors that Tuesday morning, March 26th, 2019 is the spring exercise preparation drill is scheduled in conjunction with Westmoreland County.

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

1. **Stormwater Projects** – Mr. Cisco said the activities of the Public Works Department included snow operations last month for three (3) days; completed the stormwater project on Russ Moore Road and the West Point pond. He pointed out the highlights of the West Point pond project as follows: (a) One hundred percent of the water is going into the pond; (b) The pond itself is completed; (c) The pond itself is done and seeded; (d) The Public Works Department is continuing work on the roadway itself; and (e) A lot of restoration to work left to complete. Supervisor Ritson said that “I sat up here a couple of months ago and I was somewhat skeptical, if you remember. I was talking about a broker and out the deal. So, I’m here to give you my mea culpa. Excellent job. You said you would deliver that stormwater project by March and you have done that and you know, it’s an incredible job on your part being as the project manager and doing everything else that you are doing and I, for one, am very appreciative and thank you for letting me eat crow in public. I appreciate it.” Supervisor Reese said, “Good job, Doug.”
2. **Trolley Street/Highlands/Spring Hill Avenues** – Mr. Cisco said if the Township would decide to pipe the Trolley Street/Highlands/Spring Hill Avenues areas he estimated that the whole project would cost roughly \$27,00.00, which would include the supplies, labor, and rental equipment. He suggested that PA One Calls be made specifically for the areas where the pipes are clogged in order to possibly determine whether the pipes are the Township’s and whether the water could be alleviated any other way until a final decision could be made on digging up the entire area.

5) **Aaron Siko, Parks and Recreation Director:**

1. **Father-Daughter Dance Program** – Mr. Siko updated the Board on the up-coming Father-Daughter Dance this weekend. It is filled up with ninety-six (96) children and eighty-seven (87) adults scheduled in attendance. The event is being catered by Long’s Catering.
2. **Eggstravaganza Program** – Mr. Siko said that currently there are two hundred seventy (270) registrants for the Eggstravaganza program.
3. **Soccer Registration Program** – Mr. Siko advised that soccer registration wrapped up this past week with three hundred and five (305) registrants, which is on par with our high numbers back to last fall.
4. **Flier for** – Mr. Siko presented a draft flier of the up-coming summer events scheduled at the Park. The contracts for the bands scheduled will be considered later on in the agenda. He also noted that the amphitheater will be scheduled for movies and the Kidsfest. In closing, Mr. Siko said he will be reaching out to Mac and Pashek MTR for the follow-up to the RFP and for the interviews for the next month’s work session.

6) **Zach Freeman, SAFER Grant Coordinator:**

1. **SAFER Grant** – Mr. Freeman commented that his report was included with Director Shaw’s last Wednesday. Some of the highlights from that report, he said, include a successful turnout at the quarterly regional meetings. Also, he noted that the final meeting is Wednesday, March 26, 2019 at the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Freeman advised that roughly forty (40) of the sixty (60) participating departments have already been in attendance at the meetings. He said he is hopeful to pick up anywhere between eight (8) and ten (10) additional departments at tomorrow’s meeting. In addition, he said that he will make additional outreach to those departments who are not communicating or are just not aware of the information that is being provided to them at this time. Lastly, Mr. Freeman said that the Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department was the first successfully reimbursed through the SAFER Grant and that there is an opportunity for several reimbursements during the month of April.

7) **Dan Schmitt, Engineer:**

1. **ADA Bathrooms** – Mr. Schmitt commented that it is anticipated that the contractor will complete the ADA bathrooms at the Park prior to the rental season which starts May 1, 2019.
2. **Amphitheater** – Mr. Schmitt advised that the final restoration work to the amphitheater should be complete soon weather permitting.
3. **2019 Paving Program** – Mr. Schmitt added that the 2019 Paving Program is on the agenda for consideration. Should the paving program be approved, he said his office would work to get those plans out on the street as quickly as possible in order to start the program as soon as the weather permits.

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

1. **Active Shooter Training** – Mr. Shaw advised that an active shooter training was conducted for some of the employees at the Township. In addition, he said in the future an active shooter and stop the bleed training seminar will take place for all Township employees to attend.
2. **Storm Damages** – Mr. Shaw commented that the Township is still dealing with the effects of the storm on February 24th, 2019. Within that line, he noted that Assistant Public Works Director, John Storey, coordinated a meeting with First Energy today, accompanied with relevant directors and managers. The purpose of the meeting was to work on streamlining communications between the Township and First Energy during emergencies so that the Township is better updated on where the outages are and trying to prevent some of the miscommunications that occurred during the last incident.

9) **Patrick Karnash, Planning Coordinator and Interim Zoning Officer**

1. **Demolition Project at 440 Roosevelt Way** – Mr. Karnash advised the Board of Supervisors that should they vote affirmatively regarding the unsafe property at 440 Roosevelt Way, the application is prepared for submittal to the County Demolition Program.
2. **Subdivision Plans** – Mr. Karnash advised the Board that both subdivision plans under consideration on the agenda are finals without any contingencies.
3. **Realtor Association's Government and Affairs Group** – Supervisor Ritson commented that the Realtors Association put together a government and affairs group, which would like the opportunity to come and talk to the Township to share some of the things that they are seeing out there as far as difficulty selling houses and even the idea of whether or not they can get new development or new houses built. Supervisor Ritson said that he would forward the contact information to Mr. Karnash. He recommended that Mr. Karnash and the Township Manager, Jason Winters, schedule a meeting with the group to get some insight that might be of value to the Township and a resource to tap. Mr. Karnash told Supervisor Ritson that he has reached out to realtors on an individual basis and he would definitely contact the group to schedule a meeting.

10) **Scott Avolio, Solicitor:**

1. **Tax Settlement** – Mr. Avolio noted that the County notified him that a tax settlement agreement was reached with a commercial piece of property, specifically Walgreens. The Hempfield Area School District was the petitioner in the claim.
2. **Plans** – Mr. Avolio said that his office was busy working on the subdivision and site plans, not to mention the numerous resolutions on the agenda.

G. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Supervisor Logan said that he had nothing additional to add to his report given at the Public Work Session on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

1.	General Fund	\$ 746,479.12	2.	Bond Issue	\$ 34,324.90
3.	Pop Fund	\$ 65.00	4.	Light District	\$ 5,114.37
5.	Capital Projects	\$ 10,995.00			

Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve the payment for Carbon VFD in the amount of \$172.48. Vote: 4-Yes. Supervisor Reese – Abstained. Motion carried.

I. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS: None

J. DECISIONS FROM HEARINGS:

- 1) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-48; Authorizing Donald E. Andree, RJA Farm LLC, 192 Possum Hollow Road (Tax Map No. 50-19-00-0-069) to be Included in the Agricultural Security Area** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-48. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

K. SUBDIVISION PLANS:

- 1) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-49; Granting Final Approval for the Pet Haven Cemetery Consolidation Plan – Plan No. 20190070:**

Location	Route 136
Purpose	Consolidate the Pet Haven Cemetery property with the adjoining property
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0

Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-49. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- 2) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-50; Granting Final Approval for the Dean Subdivision Plan – Plan No. 2018-0707:**

Location	404 Julie Dean Lane @ S.R. 3077, Penn-Adamsburg Road
Purpose	To separate the house from business metal building and to create three (3) lots
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution #2019-50. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

L. SITE PLANS:

- 1) **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2019-51; Granting Final Conditional Approval for the Robert C. Whisner Property Building #3 Site Plan – Plan No. 20190032:**

Location	371 Middletown Road
Purpose	Construct a one-story building for light industrial use
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater management approval • E & S control plan approval

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution #2019-51. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

2) **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2019-52; Granting Final Conditional Approval for the General Carbide Building #1 Site Plan – Plan No. 20190033:**

Location	1172 Garden Street
Purpose	Construction of a 12,000 sq. ft. building addition at the location of the existing General Carbide facility known as Building #1
Planning Commission Recommendation	Approval 6-0
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater management approval • E & S control plan approval • MAWC/DEP approval

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution #2019-52. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

M. ITEMS FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- 1) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-53; Approving the Release of Financial Security for the Hempfield Mini Storage Addition Phase II – Plan No. 20080048 –**
Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-53. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-54; Approving the Release of Financial Security for the Holiday Inn Express Site Plan – Plan No. 20100017 –** Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve Resolution No. 2019-54. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-55; Approving the Release of Financial Security for the Proposed Sheetz Store – Plan No. 20170566 –** Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-55. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 4) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-56; Accepting the Amendment to the Agreement with CivicPlus for the Parks & Recreation CivicRec (Rec 1) Software –** Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-56. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 5) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-57; Authorizing Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau to Sell Property Located at 148 Sycamore Street (Tax Map No. 50-18-02-0-039) from the Tax Claim Bureau Repository in the Bid Amount of \$1,143.95 –**
Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan to approve Resolution No. 2019-57. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 6) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-58; Authorizing Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau to Sell Property Located at 150 Sycamore Street (Tax Map No. 50-18-02-0-040) from the Tax Claim Bureau Repository in the Bid Amount of \$1,121.14 –**
Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-58. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- 7) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-59; Authorizing the Execution of the Land Owner Agreement with the Westmoreland County Conservation District for the Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant and Authorizing the Township Manager to Execute All Needed Documents Regarding the Grant** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve Resolution No. 2019-59. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 8) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-60; Authorizing the Disposition and Destruction of Specific Records** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-60. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 9) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-61; Adopting the Hempfield Township Fiscal Year End Accounts Payable Policy** – Supervisor Logan advised that this policy is being implemented from our findings within the 2017 Audit from the management letter suggestions. Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-61. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 10) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-62; Authorizing Woodward Drive, Woodward Drive Extension, and Garden Street as No Parking Areas** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve Resolution No. 2019-62. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried. Supervisor Reese requested Mr. Winters send a letter to US Foods advising them of their responsibilities when it comes to the logistics of their inbound and outbound trailer trucks. Mr. Schmitt told the Board that several years ago the Board of Supervisors authorized Gibson-Thomas Engineering, in conjunction with the Public Works staff, to put in a complete signage package in the Industrial Park. Basically, the signs would direct the drivers back to Route 136 towards the Turnpike. At every entrance in every industry in the business park there are “No Truck Turning” directional signs to prohibit going the wrong way, he said. Quite frankly, Mr. Schmitt said he believes there are enough signs, unless some of them are missing, which will be checked. Supervisor Reese said there is no doubt that those identifying signs that pointed you to the state routes, the local routes, they helped. He told Mr. Cisco that once his department installs the “No Parking” signs that he may want to consider putting the red flashers on the signs that indicate prohibitive truck turning.
- 11) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-63; Approving the Agreements for the 2019 Summer Concert Series at Hempfield Park and Authorizing the Township Manager to Execute all Agreements:**

Band	Price	Band	Price
East Coast Turnaround	\$1,500.00	Joe Grushecky & The Houserockers	\$3,500.00
Chuck Blasko & The Vogues	\$2,800.00	Switch	\$1,200.00
Jeff Jimmerson and Airborne	\$2,500.00	Katelyn Rose Band	\$600.00
NOMAD	\$1,200.00	Aubrey Burchell	\$400.00

Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Weimer, to approve Resolution No. 2019-63. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- 12) **Consideration to Approve the 2019 Parks & Recreation Summer Programming Staff and Seasonal Part-Time Employees as Listed on Attachment “A”** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Weimer, to approve the 2019 Parks & Recreation summer programming staff and seasonal part-time employees as listed on Attachment “A”. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- 13) **Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of a 2019 Johnston RT-655 Chassis Mounted Recirculating Air Street Sweeper – Dual Sweep K16576 from US Municipal for the Amount of \$229,335.00 (Costars #025-019) and Authorize the Township Manager to Process and Sign all Needed Documents** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan to authorize the purchase of a 2019 Johnston RT-655 Chassis Mounted Recirculating Air Street Sweeper – Dual Sweep K16576 from US Municipal for the amount of \$229,335.00 (Costars #025-019) and authorize the Township manager to process and sign all needed documents. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 14) **Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of a 2019 F-250 XL Extended Cab 4x4 with a 6.75 ft. Bed from Meegan Ford for the Amount of \$31,284.00 (Costars #146158) and Authorize the Township Manager to Process and Sign all Needed Documents** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese to authorize the purchase of a 2019 F-250 XL Extended Cab 4x4 with a 6.75 ft. Bed from Meegan Ford for the amount of \$31,284.00 (Costars #146158) and authorize the Township manager to process and sign all needed documents. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 15) **Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of a 2019 Ford Explorer from Tri Star Motors for the Amount of \$28,610.00 (Costars #026-087) – Transferring \$4,610.00 from the Capital Purchase of the Sweeper and Authorize the Township Manager to Process and Sign all Needed Documents** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to authorize the purchase of a 2019 Ford Explorer from Tri Star Motors for the amount of \$28,610.00 (Costar #026-087) – transferring \$4,610.00 from the Capital Purchase of the sweeper and authorize the Township manager to process and sign all needed documents. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 16) **Consideration to Authorize the Township Manager to Bid the 2019 Superpave Asphalt (supply only)** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan to authorize the Township manager to bid the 2019 superpave asphalt (supply only). Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 17) **Consideration to Authorize the Township Manager to Bid the 2019 Hot Mix Paving Program** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to authorize the Township manager to bid the 2019 Hot Mix Paving Program. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 18) **Consideration to Authorize the Allocation of Additional Funds for the 2019 Hot Mix Paving Program as Listed Below:**

Account	Amount	Account	Amount
2019 Additional Liquid Fuel Funds Rec'd.	\$32,362.00	2019 Act 13 Impact Fees	\$150,000.00
2019 Reallocate from Salt in Liquid Fuels	\$200,000.00	2018 Additional Revenues (Cash)	\$317,638.00

Supervisor Logan said these additional funds will bring it from our initial budgeted of 1.1 million, correct, to an estimated 1.8 million dollar paving program for 2019. I commend the staff and some of the things they do in monetary savings that allows us to do this as we move forward in time. Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to

authorize the allocation of additional funds for the 2019 Hot Mix Paving Program as listed above. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- 19) **Consideration to Authorize the Reallocation of Parks & Recreation Items for the 2019 Capital Budget as Listed on Attachment “B”** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to authorize the reallocation of Parks & Recreation items for the 2019 Capital Budget as listed on Attachment “B”. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 20) **Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #1 in the Amount of \$36,100.00 to JT Masonry Construction for the Hempfield Park ADA Compliance/Existing Bathroom (Pavilion A) – Contact 1/2019** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$36,100.00 to JT Masonry Construction for the Hempfield Park ADA compliance/existing bathroom (Pavilion A) – Contact 1/2019. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 21) **Consideration to Authorize the Township Manager to Advertise a RFP for the Publication and Printing of Headlining Hempfield in Conjunction with Hempfield Area School District** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to authorize the Township manager to advertise a RFP for the publication and printing of Headlining Hempfield in conjunction with Hempfield Area School District. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 22) **Consideration to Accept the 2017 Audit as Prepared by DeLuzio & Company** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ritson, to accept the 2017 audit as prepared by DeLuzio & Company. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 23) **Consideration to Authorize the Application of a Grant to Westmoreland County for the Act 152 County Wide Demolition Program DEMOFUND** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to authorize the application of a grant to Westmoreland County for the Act 152 county wide demolition program DEMOFUND. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 24) **Consideration to Authorize the Court Settlement for Pending Tax Appeal with APS Realty Corporation, 1000 Lincoln Place (Tax Map No. 50-14-00-0-150)** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to authorize the court settlement for pending tax appeal with APS Realty Corporation, 1000 Lincoln Place (Tax Map No. 50-14-00-0-150). Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- 25) **Consideration to Request to Reschedule the April ISO Inspections for Hempfield Fire Departments for Six (6) Months** – Supervisor Logan commented that after the Township had an updated briefing on the new ISO rating standards, it came to the concern of the Board to become more proactive in trying to help our fire departments navigate through this process and that’s why we want to ask for a six-month extension. He explained that three (3) items were identified that can be worked on right away which are water supplies/fire hydrants, training, and command structure within the Bureau of Fire. Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to request to reschedule the April ISO inspections for Hempfield Fire Departments for six (6) months. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

26) **Consideration to Authorize the Department of Emergency Services to Begin Planning/Acquisition of a Rescue Pumper for Hempfield #2 Volunteer Fire Department** – Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Logan, to authorize the Department of Emergency Services to begin planning/acquisition of a rescue pumper for Hempfield #2 Volunteer Fire Department. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried. Supervisor Weimer said that the Board received recommendations on this matter from Tony Kovacic and the Bureau of Fire. Mr. Kovacic said that this came as a result of the damage done to the apparatus that Hempfield #2 Volunteer Fire Department had and certainly with the activity in that corridor. He said the Township is considering possibly changing the specialty (so to speak) from being a truck company to a more robust rescue company because the Township believes traffic is going to be an issue once that area opens up. Supervisor Logan said that at last week’s Public Work Session, we discussed the possibility of maybe an interim used vehicle to help assist with that. He asked whether any progress was made. Mr. Kovacic said he did go out and look at the vehicle that they had discussed; however, he didn’t have the opportunity to drive it. One of the things of concern, Mr. Kovacic said is that it is very light in regards to the drive engine. He said it’s only a 315 horse power vehicle. He told the Board that he would certainly like to drive it and see its performance before going any further. Supervisor Logan asked Mr. Kovacic about some other options on the used market. Mr. Kovacic responded that there are other options on the used market and that he will have additional information available at the April Public Work Session. Supervisor Ritson said so this consideration is just to kind of let you begin to do all of that so that in April we can talk about a more final plan. Supervisor Logan stated that this is just to talk about the planning of a new one or an acquisition of a used one or both. Supervisor Reese said we talked about bringing a spare into the picture. So, he asked this isn’t just if we acquire a used truck and it goes up there to Hempfield #2, then moving forward with the design and the possible purchase of a new custom pump? Mr. Kovacic said that is correct and then the spare would be in reserve which would benefit the Township through the ISO as well.

27) **Consideration to Authorize the Township Manager to Advertise for the Position of Property Maintenance Officer** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to authorize the Township manager to advertise for the position of property maintenance officer. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

28) **Consideration to Approve the Following Departments of Public Works Class Changes Set Forth by the Collective Bargaining Agreement:**

Employee	Position
Chad Silk	B Operator to A Operator
Tyler Schildkamp	C Operator II to B Operator II

Supervisor Ritson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to approve the above-listed Departments of Public Works class changes set forth by the collective bargaining agreement. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

29) **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.	Scott Bisping	Senior Firefighter	Hempfield #2
2.	Carol Clester	Fire Police	Hempfield #2
3.	Matthew Jones	Senior Firefighter	Fort Allen
4.	Cameron Levondosky	Jr. Firefighter to Sr. Firefighter	Bovard
5.	Justin Streets	Senior Firefighter	Transfer – Grapeville to High Park

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.

- 30) **Consideration to Approve a Resolution to Create a Five (5) Member Citizens’ Task Force for Purpose of Working Toward a Policy on Fire and Emergency Medical Services that Would Commence as soon as possible and End December 31, 2020** – Supervisor Logan said that he would like the Board of Supervisors to create a five (5) member citizens’ task force for the purpose of working toward a policy on fire and emergency medical services that would commence as soon as possible and end December 31st, 2020. He also said that the proposed five (5) member task force would include two additional staff members. Supervisor Ritson recommended that the two additional staff members be the Township Manager and the Emergency Services Director, where they would co-chair it, and the five citizens be assigned by the Board. Supervisor Weimer inquired whether the staff managers were just there for support. Supervisor Logan responded yes. Supervisor Reese asked Supervisor Logan what his primary objective is for the Citizens’ Task Force. Supervisor Logan said, “As we move forward building... So, we had a GAP Analysis. We know we need to build a comprehensive plan for fire service in Hempfield Township soon. I would look for this citizens’ committee to help vet some of those policies that we are going to create in that process. I don’t want to slow down or them to impede in any way. I see multiple tasks here running at the same time. We are going to do the six (6) month delay in the ISO. We need to take action right away to assure that up and get that moving forward as soon as possible. But we have a bigger picture here in the fire service to talk about and handle in the next year or year and a half. I would expect those people to be involved with helping us make those decisions or some public input with those decisions.” Supervisor Ritson said, “If it successfully passes, what I would like to see, everything you just said and be a vocal voice in the community for the things – one of the things that we know that we see via the ISO discussion, our conversations with the firefighters, it’s that we need to do a better job with communicating that to the community so that the community understands that some of those decisions are discussions, in particular, that we are having have relevancy to something that is going to impact them one way or another. I think it’s an opportunity for us – it’s just any opportunity to access our community and get them more involved in something moving forward. I do not have any issues with this recommendation.” Supervisor Weimer said, “I certainly feel that the fire service is one of our number one priorities and focusing on that in relationship to the discussions we are having about the ISO at our work session and a little bit tonight. Having members of the public as a part of helping guide this Board on making decisions on what we are going to need to do with the fire service is very important. I don’t know that the community quite understands what we are talking about with the ISO but it is a rating that is put in place that affects fire insurance for

everyone – whether it’s private, homeowners or businesses and these ratings have everything to do with those costs. So, we have been working here over the last few years on trying to get a handle on all of that and this is going to be a continuation of that and I hope that now just finding out last week about how their criteria for the evaluations changed from the last time we were evaluated and how that’s going to impact us – that is absolutely why we need to move on this as soon as possible and I hope that they will grant us our extension and we’ll be able to make those changes in quick order. I think we have spent a lot of time over the last couple of years in preparation for making changes with the volunteer fire service for the betterment of our rating, which did change in our last evaluation. But, but now with the change in the parameters of their scoring, it is absolutely prudent that we move forward with this as quickly as possible. So, I am definitely going to be in favor of this.” Supervisor Ritson said, “I want to be on record. I think, maybe we all agree on this, that this is one piece to how we move forward now that we have asked for a six (6) month extension. Because the one thing that we talked about at length Wednesday was that it’s all hands-on deck in this six (6) month period to really come to terms with what we may be looking at and what we don’t and that includes are friends in the fire community that were here Wednesday and weren’t. They’re going to know it includes all staff – you know, from a financial end to the emergency service end and to the planning end, for the water and stuff. So, I just, I think we all kind of walked away Wednesday night with that concept. I just want to reaffirm that this is just one piece of what you called multi-faceted.” Supervisor Logan said, “I would ask that on our next work session, on our agenda, those three (3) items I talked about – water supply, command structure, and training to be on the agenda every month for the next 6 months until we figure out how to make progress on those three (3) items and it will significantly affect the ISO rating coming up.” Supervisor Ritson said we also talked about the service agreements too and he has not yet seen a draft. He said remember we were talking about draft language and citing and support. Supervisor Reese said, “We all spent time reviewing the GAP analysis, talked with the firemen in depth. I understand what you are trying to do but at the end of six (6) months or shall I say by the end of the year, since you want to form this group of people together to work with us and work with our firemen, that comprehensive plan, would it be safe to say that we will have it by the end of the year?” Supervisor Logan said he certainly hopes so. Supervisor Reese said, “Would you say that’s the primary goal?” Supervisor Logan said absolutely. Supervisor Reese said, “So we have the GAP analysis. We talked about that in depth. The service agreements – that’s the independent review by our director of each one of our departments, so we are in agreement with moving forward with that, too?” Supervisor Logan said yes. Supervisor Silvis said, “There was controversy last month when we voted 3-2 to turn down the Public Safety Commission. We are only looking at a year and a half. In the coming year and a half, we can look at that Public Safety Commission again but I think Tom’s right with a more cautious – I hate to use the word conservative approach, to get to where we want to go. I commend Supervisor Logan for coming up with this idea.” Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Silvis, to approve a resolution to create five (5) member citizen task force for the purpose of working toward a policy on fire and emergency medical services that would commence as soon as possible and end December 31, 2020. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

N. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2019-31; Authorizing the Right of Way Agreement for Sewage Line Extension to Hempfield Park** – Mr. Winters recommended tabling consideration of Resolution No. 2019-31 because he is working with the Township’s independent conflict solicitor in re-writing the language to the right-of-way agreement.

Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to table consideration of Resolution No. 2019-31. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- 2) **Consideration to Authorize the Use of Township Funds to Demolish the Unsafe Structure Located at 440 Roosevelt Way and to Use all Means to Recover from the Property Owner the Township's Cost Associated with this Project** – Supervisor Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Reese, to remove from the agenda the consideration to authorize the use of Township funds to demolish the unsafe structure located at 440 Roosevelt Way and to use all means to recover from the property owner the Township's cost associated with this project. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

O. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Consideration of Authorizing Letter of Support for War on Terror Monument** – Supervisor Weimer advised the Board that he recently attended a ceremony creating a war on terror monument for the Patriot's Day Plaza at Peach Park. He further explained that there are members of our community that are a part of a group that are creating a monument there for recognizing all of the not only veterans, but emergency responders, and everyone who has been involved in protecting our country with the war on terror for the last decade or more. Supervisor Weimer said that they are going to place this monument at a central location in the County but also in our community because they are going to be referencing also little monuments that memorialize all of the folks that have served our community whether it's at a fire department or at the post office, etc. He explained that they unveiled their plan this weekend and that they were looking for support from various entities, including the community in which it's to be housed in, which is Hempfield Township. Supervisor Weimer requested that the Township submit a letter of support for the war on terror monument as soon as possible due to the time constraints involved. Supervisor Ritson recommended that the letter of support be sent out as soon as possible and that the action be ratified at the Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting on April 22nd, 2019.

P. PROCLAMATIONS:

- 1) **CME Engineering LP and Central Westmoreland Habitat for Humanity:**

The Board of Supervisors officially recognized CME Engineering, LP for contributing funds to the Central Westmoreland Habitat for Humanity through CME Cares! for the house renovation project as part of "Take the Day On" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Board of Supervisors officially recognized Central Westmoreland County Habitat for Humanity for renovating a home in Hempfield Township as part of "Take the Day On" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- 2) **National Osteopathic Medicine Week – April 14 – 20, 2019:**

The Board of Supervisors officially designated April 14 through 20, 2019 to be National Osteopathic Medicine Week. In addition, the Board acknowledged Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) as the nation's largest, most innovative and one of the most affordable private medical schools, one of which is maintained at Seton Hill University in Westmoreland County. The Township of Hempfield recognized the need for osteopathic physicians that are committed to improving the health of Americans, regardless of age, income level, or ethnicity.

Q. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

Supervisor John Silvis – Supervisor Silvis commented as follows: “Yes. The comment was made earlier about this Board divided in 3-2 vote. Tonight’s agenda is a good example. Ninety-nine (99) percent of the time we vote unanimous. We are here to debate issues, philosophies, principle, ideologies, future of Hempfield, and I think we do that pretty diligently. We are here for one purpose. We are here to move the Township forward. I don’t think that we are a Board divided. We are only one vote – every one of us. Only one vote away from anybody out there in the public. Fortunately, or unfortunately, we are not dictators. We’re not. We are here to help the Township and to move the Township forward. That’s it.”

Supervisor Tom Logan – Supervisor Logan commented as follows: “I have two (2) comments that I would like to talk about. First, I would like to recognize Bill Bretz. Bill has been an attendee at our meetings for several years now and Bill took it upon himself in December to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for some award grants that he thought we might be very interested in or maybe should get. One of them was a 2019 Governor’s Award for Local Government Excellence and this project was in the “How to Build Community Partnerships”. So, he looked at our work with the fire departments and the SAFER Grant taking off for the County and I am happy to say that we did receive that award and it will be presented to us in April. I want to thank Bill Bretz for his diligence. The second thing I’d like to talk about is the stormwater pond at West Point. For those of you that haven’t maybe been attending meetings here for the last eleven (11) years, this project started a long time ago. The floods of 2008 kind of prompted this thing to get going. We did a lot of work within the Township to do a big comprehensive flood plan control in that area, which DEP, after two (2) years of fighting, would never give us a permit to do it. They came back a year or two later and said hey, we’ll let you do this other little scaled down project, which acquired us to acquire property, which took a considerable period of time. We were able to do that and we were able to move along with the project that Doug has very capably, with his public works staff, completed here just recently. I want to commend everybody involved in this Board, past Board, for not losing the focus even though it may have looked like that happened to get this project to where it’s at today. I would ask that we think about inviting a representative from DEP and maybe our local legislators from Hempfield to come out and take a look it to see what we have done. Because I want to reiterate where we started at, the path we took to get there, and the difficulties we had within navigating some state agencies to get to that path. But the goal the whole time around was to improve Hempfield and improve the life and the properties for those residents in West Point. I would ask that once we get it all seeded up and green, make it look pretty, and then try to schedule that meeting sometime this summer if that is possible.”

Supervisor Doug Weimer: – Supervisor Weimer commented as follows: “I’d like to comment that I know that all of us up here, we are all citizens of this great Township that we are in. And, we’re in selfless service for our community. It’s as if we are part of a homeowners’ association for this great big place that we call Hempfield Township. You know, I’m not a politician that this is a career for me. It certainly isn’t my full-time job and we’re not being paid full-time salaries up here to be those type of government officials. So, it’s great that you all show up here. It’s great to hear your opinions. I appreciate that. There are decisions that we have to make and we all have different reasons as to why we may come to a decision that we make. Most of the time, it’s been pointed out, yes, this Board does vote, I think, unanimously in the best interest of the Township but sometimes there are some issues that are contentious for us and we have differences of opinion. But we are here as a diverse group because we have a diverse community and they make a decision as to who they want to represent them and we have the hard job of having to make decisions – decisions for everybody that we serve. We talked a bit about – quite a bit tonight, as we have been doing, about the fire service and it absolutely is the number one priority to me and I think to this

Board. We owe the volunteer firefighters an immense gratitude for their efforts. Their value to us in saving taxpayers multi-millions of dollars in lieu of having to have a paid service is just so immense. We can't and I've been up here numerous times giving my gratitude for what they do round the clock for us, in protecting our property, and protecting all of us and we have taken efforts over these past few years to give them the resources that they need – the training, the equipment. We are fully funding everything that's applicable. I don't know what the departments are lacking to hear that there is some criticism tonight that we are not funding something for them. I don't know what that would be other than things that are just not applicable because we are taking care of everything that's a part of the firefighting system for them. Now, especially with the ability of the monies that we received from the sale of THTMA and that money is dedicated to us every year. So, that surprised me. But, you know, if there is something that is out there that there is some concern about, I certainly want to hear up here what it is that the firemen need that we are not addressing. In regards to the lack of support that I gave towards the vote on the Commission the other week, and the way that it was presented to me for my decision-making purposes were a few things. There was a staff member that said the purpose of that commission that we talked about here in public venue would help justify us to raise taxes and that was something that I wasn't in favor of. The Township manager was misquoted in a story that it was a police commission. That was very concerning and brought about quite a bit of a stir in our community. Our member of this Board was quoted as saying that the commission's purpose was for much bigger purpose than fire, so my concerns were for what that bigger purpose was. So the way that things were presented to me, for me to make a decision for those that I represent, it was showing me, for what I was hearing, and it was basically the writing on the wall, for stages of forming a municipal police force and that was something that I wasn't ready to support. So, what we passed tonight is something that will get us back on point with our number one priority that we have with public safety and that's the fire service and the magnitude of what the ISO reports going to reveal to us. Thirdly, I wanted to, it wasn't on the agenda, but the Board was aware that a proclamation was presented this weekend to the Baltzer Meyer Historical Society in regards to the Harrold One-Room School House that was built in 1881. It's down here in basically the center of the community and they have done an excellent job over the decades, over the last few decades and a half, on preserving that facility and bringing it back to the condition that it was in 1881 – just about to that condition and making it a show piece for our community to go back in time. The School District has been working on taking, I think, 3rd grade class students to have an actual lesson taught to them that counts for a day of curriculum in school, which is something different than other historical places in the state. So, they are to be commended for all of that. As well, was what the ribbon cutting was for, is to open this space up to the community to allow for community members to rent the hall for small events. That's what they had laid it out on this weekend for. I can tell you that it was a well-attended event and it was – the way that they laid it out, it would make a very nice place, a nice venue to have a small event at. So, I just wanted to shout back to the Board that they also were appreciative of the year's that we've spent in helping them with the planning processes, the permitting processes that they had to go through to renovate that facility, and they are very appreciative of all of us in helping them. I mean it goes back, I think, all the way to the time that Rob was here as manager, and some of the things that were laying out with parking lots and what not there. So, they did say that they will be coming to us with future plans with greater endeavors for that area and I welcome them to come and talk with the Board and staff on that. So, it is definitely an amenity to that major residential area and to everyone in the region. That concludes my comments. Thank you."

Supervisor Rob Ritson: – Supervisor Ritson commented as follows: "I'll start with the public comment. I'm not ashamed to say I was pro-public safety commission. I just thought it was a great mechanism for really facilitating, if and when the time came, the conversations started taking place between everybody that stood at the podium tonight. For the record, I got to agree with you one hundred percent. Any of those issues are referendum issues. So, anything to the contrary is

just not true. I'm just going on record. That's a referendum issue. Period. It's bigger than all of us. Are we there yet? Not even close. So, you know, I think that one of the things we've realized here is that maybe we are not ready for such a broader application. So, subsequently, we settled for this working group, which I'm all for. Tom and I have had private conversations, some others, again. I absolutely want to see that so I'm kind of excited about that. I really appreciated the conversation Wednesday night when it came to the fire service. I just want to say a few things. It was about a month and a half ago, I think, I started to just kind of just realize that there were some things with the fire service that I needed to educate myself better on. So, I leaned heavily on Tony, at first, and asked him what I could do to help. I leaned on some firemen and firefighters themselves, the Chiefs' Association in past and present presidents, who have been incredibly helpful for me. I leaned heavily on George, you know, going way back to even when I worked with him when I was the manager and he was the chief of Carbon and just to realize what I know and what I don't know. So, the act Wednesday night to bring up the conversation to just get it going, was healthy and I enjoyed it and I appreciated the insight from the Board members. You could tell tonight, even after the vote, there is a plan in place. There is a plan in place to move forward and it's a... We got our work cut out for us. We really do. We owe it to not only the fire community. We owe it to the people that they serve to get this as right as possible. I do want to say that all things Fire Bureau are not wrong. Whenever you do something as bold as the Board did a couple of years ago with the Fire Bureau, you are going to have bumps. But I think, as anything that is new, you need to revisit it – what's working and what's not working. It's not all going to be a home run right out of the box. I think that we are at the point now. So, you know, I think that we'll take the good, keep the good, whatever we can, work on what is not working, and really get to a point where we are making progress. We are going to do it together. That comp plan... We have to do it together. It just isn't going to work if we don't. Lastly, it's completely off of the fire service stuff. We all got an email from the library, Doctor Smith. Did you guys see that email from her? You know historically, I've been one to, because it's been miscategorized, maybe it's been in the way of my delivery, about trying to give the library a little bit of money. But I want to say that it was all in relationship to this. My concern is that that referendum that went 2 year ago, was for half a million dollars a year for perpetuity. And they were close to getting it. And, you know, I want to see what are we not doing. What can we do to not make it that close again is where I'm at. My solution was let's put some more money in there and maybe that will be okay. But, you know, I started to think a little bit more broad, you know, with our issues at the mall, and our issues as we move forward with the committee. I'd like at least in 2019, what I want is to have a conversation as to whether or not public library investment for us involves public library investment in us verses what's there. We're going to be pushing for more development, newer development. So, from a planning position, just from a broad-based topic, you know, I kind of just started to Google a little bit – "What's the nature of public libraries in the nation?". Surprisingly, in a lot of areas, Generation X are going to public libraries as they are redefining themselves a little bit from a tech end and wireless. I go back to what the Hempfield High school kids said to me when I visited up there. They said, you know, we really need a place where we can go after school and before a ball game that's kind of like somewhat comfortable, but safe, and we don't have to go home and all congregate and go back. We really don't have anything like that. The casino won't fit that bill. Just so we are clear on that. But, so, in lieu of just saying, I think, I just want to make myself clear on what the goal here is because I'm concerned about that referendum coming back up in a year and a half. That's an extensive amount of money for a facility that is not in Hempfield Township. I think, a little pro activity on our part and maybe some creativity might be able to help us down the road. So, I just kind of offer that out there and hope that I can encourage us to have a further conversation about it. Thanks. That's all I have."

Supervisor John Silvis: Supervisor Silvis commented as follows: "Rob, in lieu of what you just said, there was a comment was made also about raising taxes. We as a Board agreed to raise a fire

tax and then we were blessed with some other sources of income and we didn't put it. And there's another issue. I don't think any one of us are against progress. But but if we can do it without a tax increase why not? That's what we've done. We were going to do the fire tax and we were blessed with some other sources of income and we put that on the shelf. It's not like it won't happen.

Supervisor George Reese – Supervisor Reese commented as follows: “Well, first thing, for our Public Works Department, Mr. Cisco, you and your staff, your crew up there, hit a home run. You were challenged. You were challenged and you went up there. I know there were times weather wise we had to split and we had to do this and we had to do that. But I've seen your project. I've watched your project. I appreciate you taking the time that you have to inform this Board month after month since you were tasked with this. To you and your entire staff, especially that crew that worked up there, job well done. Mr. Mangini, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Wolford -- Public Safety. I think everybody knows a little bit about me and my background. I've been around for a little while. I care a lot about our Township. I've made this statement many of times. Okay. There's more to public safety than just the fire service. You are talking to a fire chief of almost 34 years. How that ever got twisted, Mr. Mangini, of thinking that a police department was imminent with the creation of the public safety commission, I don't know. That was never it. You know, I want to start having the conversation. I wanted to have the opportunity to put together a group of people to start looking at things -- not to create things. Start looking at things. Start talking about... But you are right. We don't know what the Governor's going to do. We don't. But you know what? What's wrong with talking about it. Policing issues. Let me make it clear. You know, the state police are second to none. I have been around them. I mean from my perspective. I mean, they are always there and they get the job done. But, when you talk about the facts, the facts are the facts. There's X-amount of troopers assigned to this Township. Troop A is just not Hempfield Township but it sits in Hempfield Township. You know they are responsible for the County. So, opportunity missed, you betcha. Public safety commission, it was the right thing to do. Again, there is a bigger picture here. I want to address all things public safety. That's what I wanted to do. That was my objective -- not to start a police department but to address potential policing issues. To the fire service, let me make it clear. You hear these things. You firemen haven't missed a beat. They haven't. We are so blessed to have the men and women dedicated to providing fire protection in this Township. They, too, are second to none. Do we suffer from manpower? You betcha. Okay. Do we get people out on calls like the old days – 30 years ago? Nope. It doesn't happen anymore. Young people want to be firemen? It's just not their thing any more. You know the average age of the Township firemen? You're looking at one right here. And guess what? Let me make it very clear. You hear all of this stuff. These guys continue to do the job 24-7 and it's important. But, you know, I agree with Supervisor Logan's proposal and Supervisor Ritson because I want to continue to take care of the fire service. It's part of what we do. It's part of public safety. Everyone one of you in this room, if something goes wrong like a pipe bursts, a tree falls on your house, somebody wrecks, you're in a wreck or a fire, that's who you are going to first. You're calling and you're looking for these guys. So, I'll continue to move forward but it was never about a police department. It was about public safety, you know, in general. So, that's all I have to say. I appreciate you all for coming out tonight. That concludes tonight's meeting. Thank you.”

R. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Reese adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary