

October 15, 2019

6:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, James Montone. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Francis Boyarski, absent

Wendy Naprava, Rec. Secretary, present

Dennis Dudeck, present

Atty. Chris Slusser, present

Jim Montone, present

Joe Synoski, Road Master, present

Joe Calabrese, RJD Eng., present

MINUTES: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting as prepared by the Recording Secretary. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to approve the **September 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the September 2019 Treasurer's Report.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

BILLS: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to pay the bills due and payable through October 15, 2019. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the bills as presented for payment.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

Chairman Montone authorized Wendy Naprava to open the bids for emergency equipment and materials for 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

RESOLUTION #2019-29 – DEED OF DEDICATION – TRANSFERRING ELM ROAD IN HUMBOLDT INDUSTRIAL PARK TO HAZLE TOWNSHIP: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-2. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to pass Resolution #2019-29.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-30 – MERGING OF THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY AND THE HARWOOD FIRE COMPANY RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-30. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to pass Resolution #2019-30.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-31—AUTHORIZE & DIRECT CHAIRMAN, JAMES MONTONE, TO EXECUTE & DELIVER THE CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENT ON BEHALF OF HAZLE TOWNSHIP FOR APPROVED PROJECT COSTS FOR THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP 2019 CDBG PAVING PROJECT: Chairman Montone said that this is a grant from the County that we apply for approx. every 3 years and the money can only be used in the area of Hafey. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-31. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to pass Resolution #2019-31.** Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

JUSTICE GROWN LLC – MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT – FINAL APPROVAL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING DEPARTMENT CONDITIONED UPON LEGAL COUNSEL’S APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENTS AND FINANCIAL SECURITY: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the above. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck, to pass the Justice Grown Major Land Development Final Approval with waivers above.** Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

BIRCH ROAD – AUTHORIZE ENGINEER TO PREPARE BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ASPHALT PAVING OF BIRCH ROAD: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck for the above authorization.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

HUMBOLDT LLC – Chairman Montone said that at the Supervisors regular meeting on July 8, 2019, the Supervisors approved the Major Land Development of 594 Humboldt LLC and in conjunction therewith granted certain waivers as requested by the developer along with conditions imposed. At the time of that motion, the waivers granted were not consistent with the actual waivers requested and accordingly, the Board moves now to grant the following waivers to 594 Humboldt LLC in conjunction with their major land development plan: 1. The Board grants a waiver to the applicant for compliance with Section 301.C and Section 302 which will allow submission of a combined preliminary/final land development approval without the review of a sketch plan in lieu of a separate sketch plan, preliminary land development and final land development. 2. A waiver is granted relative to Section 405.12.8 and Section 405.12.C to permit topographic information to be shown only on a portion of the site as may be required for proposed site improvement. 3. A waiver of Section 1203.2.F.8 to allow for drainage pipes with a diameter of less than the minimum permitted of 15 inches. A waiver of Section 813.1A and Section 1009 which requires curbing along the proposed edge of the parking lot. In addition to the foregoing, the conditions as originally approved at the July 8, 2019 meeting are ratified as follows: 1. Completion of all outstanding third-party approvals as may be determined by the Hazle Township engineer. 2. Completion of Hazle Township Land Development Agreements and posting of appropriate financial security. 3. Receipt of Plan Adequacy Letter from Luzerne County Conservation District. 4. Compliance with Luzerne County comments as determined by the Hazle Township engineer. 5. Posting of Post-Construction Stormwater Management Fee. 6. Receipt by the applicant of design approval from Can Do. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the above. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck, to authorize the above ratifications.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

APPROVAL OF THE 2020 PENSION MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE TEAMSTER'S PENSION FUND AND TRUSTEES OF PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES RETIREMENT PLANS (PSATS): Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the approval. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the 2020 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligations for both pension plans.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

TRANSFER OF 7 STREET LIGHTS THAT ARE IN HAZLE TOWNSHIP BUT ARE BEING BILLED TO THE CITY OF HAZLETON. The list of pole numbers and locations are as follows:

Perry Court & 22nd Street - #49077-N29927
Seybert & 22nd Street - #49094-N23930
Carson & 22nd Street - #49050-N29919
Parkwood & 22nd Street - #49034-N29916
Wyoming & 22nd Street - #49009-N29912
Alter & 22nd Street - #48826-N29870
Wilbur Court & 22nd Street - #84620-N29826

Jim explained that the City of Hazleton called us and said they were paying bills for lights that are in the Township. Our engineer checked it out and they are on our right of way. We were unaware of that. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the transfer. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to authorize the transfer of the above 7 street lights.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

GREATER HAZLETON AREA CIVIC PARTNERSHIP – HAUL ROAD BOX CULVERT PROJECT – (GRANT PASS THROUGH) – BIDS WERE ONLINE THROUGH THE PENNBID PROGRAM AS ADVERTISED BY THE CIVIC PARTNERSHIP – THE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW CONCRETE BOX CULVERT WHERE THE GREATER HAZLETON TRAIL MEETS THE ATLANTIC CARBON HAUL ROAD- THE BIDS ARE AS FOLLOWS: Jim read the bids: Kevin Raker Construction,\$186,893.91;Minichi,\$191,000;Grace Industries,\$206,121.40; FabCor \$223,136.20; Descoco Design, \$243,814.38; Susquehanna Supply Co., \$244,084; Pioneer Construction, \$268,580.50. Benesch Engineering sent a letter that stated based on the bid results, they recommend to the Supervisors to award the project to the apparent low bidder which is Kevin E. Raker, upon verification of bid & qualifications by Benesch and the solicitor. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the above bids. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck, to award the bid to the low bidder Kevin E. Raker, contingent upon verification and review of bid documents by Benesch & Township solicitor.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN, JAMES MONTONE, TO EXECUTE THE QUOTATION BY GEORGE ELY ASSOCIATES, INC. (COSTARS VENDOR #15282) DATED 9/9/19 FOR A 30'x36' PAVILION TO BE INSTALLED AT COMMUNITY PARK FOR A TOTAL PRICE INCLUDING INSTALLATION, OF \$40,150.00: Chairman Montone stated that this is being purchased through a Parks & Greenways grant that we got about 2 years ago in the approximate amount of \$169,000 and we're still spending the money on what we got the grant for. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck to authorize James Montone to sign the quotation by George Ely Associates for the pavilion at Community Park.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

AUTHORIZATION FOR GARY SANZI AND DAN IGO TO ATTEND THE KEYSTONE CHAPTER IA EI 2019 FALL SEMINAR ON NOVEMBER 2, 2019 IN PECKVILLE, PA: Chairman Montone said that they are our inspectors and they need to keep up with their certifications by going to classes. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck for the authorization for Gary and Dan to attend the seminar.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

APPROVE (11) PAYMENT REQUESTS TOTALING \$393,864.86 THROUGH AN LSA GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE SHINE OF LUZERNE COUNTY AT WILKES UNIVERSITY PROGRAM. HAZLE TOWNSHIP IS A SPONSOR OF THE GRANT: Chairman Montone stated that about 2 years ago Senator Yudichak and Lou Barletta asked Hazle Township to be a sponsor for this grant and we just have to authorize the payments. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the approval. **Motion by James Montone, second by Dennis Dudeck, to approve the payment requests for the Shine Program.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes;

BID TABULATION – BIDS FOR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS: The bids were opened and read aloud and the bid tab is attached to the end of the minutes. There were no bids for the diesel delivered to the garage so it needs to rebid. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the bids. **Motion by James Montone to rebid the diesel delivered to the garage to be opened and the November meeting and to table the bids opened tonight for review and to be awarded at the November meeting.** Roll call: Boyarski, absent; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

REPORTS

ROAD MASTER: Joe said the road department answered 19 residents complaints in September. They're starting to wrap up their milling & paving through October and hopefully they'll get to patch any remaining holes. He ordered salt and anti-skid and the trucks are getting serviced for the winter so they'll be ready.

ENGINEER: Joe C. said the Birch Road Stormwater Project is planned to start this coming week so the contractor's going to mobilize and start all that work. They hope to get that done and then bid out the paving and due to the time of the year it is, that won't probably be done until next year. Also, the Community Development paving project is slated to start next week and should be finished up in a day or two.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Nobody present.

ZONING OFFICER: Nobody present.

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under new business.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Shannon Petrilla, 834 Old St., Harwood. The paving that was done on Harwood Road is awesome...Hazleton Site did a fantastic job. Penn Dot put in new guard rails in the middle of 924 and up near Veterans Road they came up to far and you can't see when you are pulling out of Harwood to turn left onto 924. You need to look between the guardrails to try and see if anyone is coming. Somebody is going to get hurt. Jim told her he will talk to Gary about it because he has a pretty good contact at PennDot.

Earl Berger, Lattimer, said there's a bad situation developing with Hawbaker and the stone crusher. The last couple weeks, they've been working 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and the noise and dust is unbearable. They did stop running 24/7 after 2 weeks or so. Earl said they had an agreement with them that they were only suppose to work Monday thru Friday, 6 .m. to 5:30 p.m. They shouldn't have to put up with this. Earl said I know we were told that they should call Pottsville but he lives in the Township and you are our Supervisors and this is not right. Jim told Earl that when he got off the phone with him, he called Senator Yudichak's office and the Senator called Pottsville and then Pottsville called Jim. That day we had 3 inspectors go over there. Somebody from DEP told Jim that they were going to get a fine. Earl said the inspector told him that they gave them a warning and told them next time they will get fined. People get there houses cleaned and pressure washed and then the dust makes it a mess again and somebody should have to pay for that. Attorney Slusser said that the residents potentially have a private cause of action but the Supervisors can't do that. The Supervisors are doing everything they can do or have the ability to do and they have been doing that on your behalf. Mr. Berger said he knows they're trying but they need more help, maybe from the state. It's a bad situation and it's getting worse. Jim said that they're covered under the state and they're allowed to operate and mine 24 hours a day and we can't stop that but Jim will check to see if there is an agreement.

VitaLine, said they had two calls from residents regarding the dog food smell. He said he went to the one address and he did notice a smell but it wasn't dog food. When we get a complaint we go and check it out so when people smell the dog/cat food they should call us so we can check into it.

ADJOURNMENT:The business at hand being complete,a motion was made to adjourn meeting.
Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to adjourn meeting. Adjournment time 6:50.

*Wendy Napraa,
Recording Secretary*

November 12, 2019

6:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, James Montone. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Francis Boyarski, present

Wendy Naprava, Rec. Secretary, present

Dennis Dudeck, present

Atty. Chris Slusser, present

Jim Montone, present

Joe Synoski, Road Master, present

Joe Calabrese, RJD Eng., absent

MINUTES: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Regular Meeting as prepared by the Recording Secretary. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to approve the **October 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the October 2019 Treasurer's Report.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

BILLS: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to pay the bills due and payable through November 12, 2019. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the bills as presented for payment.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

Chairman Montone authorized Wendy Naprava to open the bids for diesel delivered to the Hazle Township Garage.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED 2020 HAZLE TOWNSHIP BUDGET TO BE PLACED ON PUBLIC DISPLAY FOR ADOPTION ON DECEMBER 9, 2019: Ray Zavada spoke about the budget. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the budget. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to for the budget.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-32 – APPOINTMENT OF ZAVADA AND ASSOCIATES AS THE AUDITOR FOR HAZLE TOWNSHIP FOR 2020: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-32. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to pass Resolution #2019-32.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-33–SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE – DOLLAR GENERAL: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-33. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to pass Resolution #2019-33.** Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-34 – AUTHORIZING HAZLE TOWNSHIP TO APPLY FOR A LUZERNE COUNTY LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT (LSA) GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 SEAGRAVE HEAVY RESCUE AND AUTHORIZING JAMES MONTONE, CHAIRMAN, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THIS GRANT: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-34. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to pass Resolution #2019-34.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-35 – WINTER TRAFFIC SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA (PENNDOT) FOR SR424-390 WHITE BIRCH ROADWAY EXTENSION PROJECT IN WHICH HAZLE TOWNSHIP SHALL DO SNOW AND ICE CLEARANCE TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICATION OF ANTI-SKID AND/OR DE-ICING MATERIALS FOR THE ROADWAY LIMITS IN THE AGREEMENT AT NO COST TO PENNDOT BEGINNING IN OCTOBER OF 2022: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-35. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to pass Resolution #2019-35.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-36 – APPOINTING PINNACLE INDOOR SPORTS, LLC TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN INDOOR SPORTS AND TRAINING FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY IN THE HAZLETON, PA. AREA – THE GRANT WENT THROUGH HAZLE TOWNSHIP FOR THE HAZLETON AREA RECREATION PROGRAM (HARP). PINNACLE WAS LOW BIDDER AT \$28,250: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-36. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to pass Resolution #2019-36.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

LOT 106 – MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT – APPROVE REVISED AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE JAMES MONTONE, CHAIRMAN, AND FRANCIS BOYARSKI, SECRETARY TO SIGN AND WITNESS SAID AGREEMENTS: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Lot 106. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski for the above authorization.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

DISABLED VETERANS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – JAMES E. WASILEWSKI – APPROVED BY THE PA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the veterans property tax exemption. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck, to approve the disabled veterans real property tax exemption for James E. Wasilewski.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CHAIRMAN, JAMES MONTONE, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF HAZLE TOWNSHIP FOR APPROVED PROJECT COSTS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO HAZLE TOWNSHIP FOR THE WHITE BIRCH ROADWAY EXTENSION PROJECT: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski for the above authorization.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

AUTHORIZE A REFUND OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD APPEAL FEE OF \$350 TO CHELSEY SKOTEK WHO APPEALED TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD AND WON: Chairman Montone explained that this is the procedure if they win the appeal. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the refund authorization. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to authorize the refund to Chelsey Skotek.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

AWARD BIDS FOR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS THAT WERE OPENED AT THE OCTOBER 15, 2019 SUPERVISORS MEETING. BIDS AWARDED TO THE LOWEST, RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS. BID TABULATION/AWARDS AT END OF MINUTES: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the bid award. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to award the bids to the lowest, responsible bidders.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

BID TABULATION – BIDS FOR DIESEL FUEL DELIVERED TO THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP GARAGE (This was re-bid from last month because nobody bid on it): The bids were opened and read aloud as follows: Button Oil & Propane, \$.25 cents above rack price at time of delivery; M&J Excavation Inc., \$.50 cents above rack price at time of delivery. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the diesel bid. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to award the diesel fuel bid to the lowest, responsible bidder which is Button Oil & Propane.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

APPROVE ACQUISITION OF A VAC-TRUCK: Chairman Montone stated that this will be paid for through the Refuse Account and will be needed because of the MS-4. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the acquisition. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to approve the acquisition of a vac truck.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

REPORTS

ROAD MASTER: Joe said the road department answered 19 residents complaints in October, they rebuilt 3 drain boxes, replaced 40 ft. of storm pipe in Oakmont, mixed 5,000 gallons of salt brine, and serviced trucks. He thanked the Supervisors for purchasing a vac truck and also for the second brine truck

ENGINEER: Nobody present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Nobody present.

ZONING OFFICER: Nobody present.

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Montone said that on Route 924 where PennDot put up the guard rails near Harwood, PennDot removed around 350 ft. of rail so people could see better.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Shannon & John Petrilla, Old Street, Harwood, thanked the Supervisors for taking care of the guard rail problem with PennDot.

ADJOURNMENT: The business at hand being complete, a motion was made to adjourn meeting. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to adjourn meeting.** Adjournment time 6:30.

*Wendy Naprawa,
Recording Secretary*

Special Meeting, November 25, 2019

4:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, James Montone. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Francis Boyarski, present

Wendy Naprava, Rec. Secretary, present

Dennis Dudeck, present

Atty. Jeff Rockman, present

Jim Montone, present

RESOLUTION #2019-37—AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE GREATER HAZLETON AREA CIVIC PARTNERSHIP (GHACP) FOR APPROXIMATELY \$45,000 FOR EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN THE TRAIL AND TO AUTHORIZE JAMES MONTONE, CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS TO APPLY: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-37. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to pass Resolution #2019-37.** Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-38 – AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO DO A TIMING CHANGE ON A TRAFFIC LIGHT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH PARK ROAD & SR924: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-38. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to pass Resolution #2019-38.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

ADJOURNMENT: The business at hand being complete, a motion was made to adjourn meeting. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to adjourn meeting.** Adjournment time 4:02.

Wendy Naprava,
Recording Secretary

December 9, 2019

6:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, James Montone. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Francis Boyarski, present	Wendy Naprava, Rec. Secretary, present
Dennis Dudeck, present	Atty. Chris Slusser, present
Jim Montone, present	Joe Synoski, Road Master, present
Joe Calabrese, RJD Eng., present	

MINUTES: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting as prepared by the Recording Secretary. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to approve the **November 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the November 2019 Treasurer's Report.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

BILLS: Chairman Montone entertained a motion to pay the bills due and payable through December 9, 2019. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to approve the bills as presented for payment.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

ADOPTION OF 2020 HAZLE TOWNSHIP BUDGET: Chairman Montone stated that Zavada Associates went over the budget at the last meeting and the budget has been on display since then. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the above. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to adopt the 2020 budget.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-39 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN EXPERT RELATIVE TO PENDING LITIGATION: Attorney Slusser explained that this matter hasn't been filed yet but it will be in the near future. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-39. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck to pass Resolution #2019-30.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2019-40 – AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AN LSA GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$578,283 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 5 NEW VEHICLES FOR THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR JAMES MONTONE, CHAIRMAN, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH REGARD TO SAID GRANT: Chairman Montone stated that Hazle Township hasn't asked for an LSA grant in the past 2 years. Senator Yudichak and State Rep Mullery have been very good to us, we get a lot of grants through them. This grant would be used to replace some of our larger trucks/plow trucks.

We would be happy if we would get at least half of this amount. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for Resolution #2019-40. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to pass Resolution #2019-40.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$391,470 TO WILKES UNIVERSITY THROUGH AN LSA GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE SHINE OF LUZERNE COUNTY PROGRAM AT WILKES UNIVERSITY: Chairman Montone said we were a pass through/sponsor for the grant per the request of Senator Yudichak. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the approval. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck for the payment request approval.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT REQUEST #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,943.70 TO WEXCON FOR WORK COMPLETED TO DATE ON THE BIRCH ROAD STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck for the payment request authorization.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

DISABLED VETERANS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – JOSEPH F. HOLLY – APPROVED BY THE PA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the exemption. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to approve the tax exemption.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

AUTHORIZATION FOR FRANCES CALARCO TO ATTEND THE 2020 PSATS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MAY: Chairman Montone said she attends every year and comes back with a lot of valuable information. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck for the authorization.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

DOLLAR GENERAL – AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENT BOND FOR HAZLETON DG, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$277,649.35 CONDITIONED UPON THE DEVELOPER ADEQUATELY ADDRESSING THE ISSUES NOTED BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER ON 12/09/19: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski for the authorization.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES – AUTHORIZATION FOR HAZLE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS TO ENTER INTO A MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR JAMES MONTONE, CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN: Chairman Montone explained that this service will allow us to communicate with the public in the language that is needed. All fees are waived except the per minute fee when the service is used. It's like a built in translator. Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion (contingent upon review by the Township solicitor) for the authorization. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Dennis Dudeck for the authorization contingent upon the solicitor's review.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, yes; Montone, yes.

REPORTS

ROAD MASTER: Joe Synoski that they have dealt with a few minor snow and ice storms last week. The guys finished working on the second brine truck. They are in the process of replacing approximately 100 Township signs that were faded. They have been cutting back the right of way on Airport Road as weather permits.

ENGINEER: Joe Calabrese said that the Birch Road project is two separate items...piping and drainage swales. Wexcon should be done with the pipe work sometime next week. They will have to come back in the spring to finish the swales. As far as the Old Airport Road, they are working with PennDOT because it is a PennDOT MTF Grant. The plans and specs are complete and he's going to send them to PennDOT and they will review. They promised us a 2-month window. It should be ready for paving in the spring.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 72 calls for November. There were a couple bad accidents and structure fires.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Nobody present.

ZONING OFFICER: Nobody present.

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Dudeck said this was Francis Boyarski's last official meeting as a Supervisor. On behalf of the residents and himself, he wants to thank him for his service. Supervisor Montone said that Butch has been a supervisor for 18 years. He had the pleasure of working with Butchy in a couple different capacities over the last 17 years. This township is a better township because of his contributions and what he's done. Jim thanked him. Francis Boyarski thanked Jim and Dennis and said they are two of the greatest guys you'd ever want to work with. They really take Hazle Township into consideration for everything that they do. Butch also thanked Joe Synoski, Chris Slusser, Joe Calabrese, all board members, solicitors, road department, Mike DeCosmo, and the fire department. Also thanks to the residents and voters for trusting him for the last 17 years. Scott Kostician, Fire Chief & EMA Coordinator, thanked Butch for providing the fire department and the residents of the Township with the tools and the means so that they could serve this municipality and the Greater Hazleton area. They appreciate everything he did in the last 2 decades. It means a lot to the fire company that they have the support of the Supervisors. They presented him with an award of appreciation. Harwood presented him with one as well.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Shannon Petrill, 834 Old St., Hazle Township, thanked Butch for all his years of work for Hazle Township. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Kevin from Vita-Line brought the new plant manager Tim to introduce him to the Supervisors. They said they will continue working with the Supervisors if any issues come up.

ADJOURNMENT:The business at hand being complete,a motion was made to adjourn meeting.
Motion by Dennis Dudeck, second by Francis Boyarski to adjourn meeting. Adjournment time 6:35.

Wendy Naprawa,
Recording Secretary