

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Herrick Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, December 6, 2021 at the township building. Chairman Brian Zembrzycki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Supervisors Bernard J. Zembrzycki and Nancy Harvatine were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved on motion of Brian Zembrzycki and seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

The following treasurer's report was read:

General Fund Checking Balance 10/31/21	\$151,594.53
Nov. Receipts	\$ 26,595.76
Nov.. Berkheimer	14,905.52
Interest	15.86
Real Estate transfer	8,103.62
Zoning Permit	260.00
District Justice	28.68
Building permits	262.50
Sewage work	945.00
Election rent	50.00
J. Svecz (RE)	1,999.58
Post/Bond road	25.00
Nov. expenses	9,907.86
General Fund Checking Balance 11/30/2021	\$168,282.43
(\$105,623.46 is Act 13 monies)	
Act 13 Funds PS Bank MM Balance 10/31/2021	\$ 28,340.78
Oct. Interest	9.01
Act 13 Funds PS Bank MM Balance 11/30/2021	\$ 28,349.79
Highway Aid Checking Balance 10/31/21	\$ 7,298.20
Interest	.71
Oct. Expenses	None
Highway Aid Checking Balance 11/30/21	\$7,298.91
Equipment Balance 12/31/20	\$15,105.40
2021 Allocation	17,195.43
Equipment Balance 4/30/2021	\$32,300.83
Equipment expense	26,900.00
Equipment Balance 11/30/2021	\$ 5,400.83
HNB NOW Acct. (American Rescue Funds) Balance 10/31/21	\$35,678.78
Interest for October 3.03 November interest 2.93	
HNB NOW Acct. (Amer. Rescue Funds) Balance 11/30/2021	\$35,684.74

HNB Holding Tank Escrow Account Deposit	\$1,000.00
November interest	.03
HNB Holding Tank Escrow Account 11/30/21	\$1,000.03

The treasurer's report was approved on motion of Brian Zembrzycki and seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

The following bills were presented for approval and payment:

General Fund Bills:

#14677 PP&L 96.73	#14690 Hansen Equip. 60.95
941 Taxes 531.64	#14691 Comp. Consulting 112.00
#14678 NE Pa. Tel. Co. 107.46	#14692 Suit-Kote Corp. 3638.60
Pa. Dept. of Revenue 102.69	#14693 Jessica Lewis Court Reporting 180.50
#14679 Industrial Electronics 36.00	#14694 Anthony Harvatine 482.99
#14680 Forest City News 74.75	#14695 Bernard J. Zembrzycki 655.01
#14681 KW Oil Co. 937.72	#14696 Brian Zembrzycki 790.80
#14682 TM Repairs 585.75	#14697 Nancy Harvatine 751.91
#14683 Comp. Consulting 50.00	#14698 Justin Ford 833.66
#14684 Cube Auto Supply 65.09	#14699 John Watts 178.62
#14685 Briechle Law Offices 2112.50	#14700 Joseph Svecz 88.26
#14686 NEIC 562.50	#14701 Nancy Harvatine 425.67
#14687 Sharkeys Fuels LP 164.48	#14702 Sharkeys Fuels LP 215.28
#14688 Regal Plumbing & Heating 475.00	#14703 Saams Diesel Service 3459.95
#14689 Meyer's Cemetery 60.00	#14704 Void check

Total General Funds Bills: \$17,836.51

Brian Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki to approve the bills. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Weather report for November as prepared by Wayne Chudleigh showed monthly precipitation of 3.18". November 3 was the first hard freeze for the year. This is the latest annual hard freeze since 1979. The previous record was October 24, 2005.

There was no report from the EMC. The secretary reported that the planning commission met on November 11 and continued their review of the existing zoning ordinance. Planning consultant Carson Helfrich participated over the phone. On November 12, 2021 they held a special meeting and reviewed the conditional use plan of Curtis and Cynthia Zweier for their home at Lewis Lake. They made recommendations to the supervisors. Email dated December 5, 2021 was received from Jennifer Burman stating that she was resigning as a member of the planning commission.

John Watts, Zoning Officer issued two permits. A letter dated November 30, 2021 was read from John Watts to Richard Knight denying his zoning permit application due to setback violations and building height. A conditional use hearing was held on November 16 at 6:00 p.m. for the supervisors to review the conditional use application of Curtis Zweier. The application was approved with conditions which are stated on the permit.

SEO Justin Ford sent a report stating that he issued a sewage permit to Edward and Karry Bocan for property on Chipmunk Road.

Brian Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki to adopt the 2022 budget and resolutions. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Changes and exonerations were received from the county assessment office.

Nancy Harvatine stated that she filed her statement of financial interest with the township.

Email and letters were received from a group calling itself “Residents of Svecz Road and Blewett Road” outlining their objection to a proposed subdivision in that area. To date the township and county have not received a subdivision submission.

A letter dated November 18, 2021 was received from PA DEP to Ararat Township listing various violations at the sewage plant in Ararat Township from April 2017 to July 2021.

State police fines in the amount of \$647.11 have been received;

A letter dated December 1, 2021 was received from Coterra (formerly Cabot Oil & Gas) with notification of an unconventional drilling permit for property of T. Salansky in Gibson Township.

Joseph Svecz, Jr., tax collector sent October’s report.

There are two openings on the planning commission due to the resignations of Jennifer Burman and Matt Ferrell. Brian Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki to appoint Ed Kimes and Michael DeCotiis to the planning commission. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Brian Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki to appoint Angela Vauter auditor for one year. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Martin Barhite asked about bonding Vauter Road for tree harvest. Brian will give him the paperwork. There will not be a permanent driveway.

Brian Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Nancy Harvatine, Herrick Township Secretary