

October 11, 2012

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli, Pa. 18066. Present were Supervisors David Fink, Steve Bachman and Forrest Wessner III, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Bortz, Road Superintendent Kevin Huber, Township Solicitor Charles Waters, Township Engineer and Zoning Officer Roy Stewart, and Kathy Hermany, assistant secretary, kept record of the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: Resident Charlie Perich video recorded the meeting.

Approve minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting: A motion was made by Forrest Wessner III, to approve the September 13, 2012 meeting minutes with two corrections; in old business under street lights it should be, Janice Bortz, will be contacting residents, and in Fire Company report, Forrest Wessner III attended the demonstration of a ladder truck (not David Fink). Steve Bachman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: None

Executive Session: David Fink, Steve Bachman, Forrest Wessner III, Janice Bortz, and Atty. Waters held an executive session from 7:33 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. The executive session was to discuss employment related matters and potential litigation.

Payment of bills: Motion by Forrest Wessner III, seconded by Steve Bachman to approve the payment of the bills General Fund Checks #eft1181 – eft1208 and 18559 – 18591 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Checking 9/1	28,530.18
Revenue and Transfers	66,054.49
Expenditures	<u>(70,322.07)</u>
General Fund Checking 9/28	24,262.60
General Fund Money Market 9/1	201,268.31
Revenue	115,022.02
Expenditures and Transfers	<u>(66,054.49)</u>
General Fund Money Market 9/28	250,235.84
State Fund Checking 9/1	1.00
Revenue and Transfers	54,504.81
Expenditures	<u>(54,504.81)</u>
State Fund Checking 9/28	1.00
State Fund Money Market 9/1	68,326.67
Revenue	13.19
Expenditures and Transfers	<u>(54,504.81)</u>
State Fund Money Market 9/28	13,835.05
Special Revenue Fund Savings 9/1	24,651.43
Revenue and Transfers	6.60
Expenditures and Transfers	<u>(0.00)</u>
Special Revenue Fund Savings 9/28	24,658.03

Recreation Fund Savings 9/1	2432.43
Revenue and Transfers	.65
Expenditures and Transfers	<u>(0.00)</u>
Recreation Fund Savings 9/28	2,433.08
Hunters Hill Road Bridge Fund 9/1	51,167.70
Revenue	17.62
Expenditures and Transfers	<u>(0.00)</u>
Hunters Hill Road Bridge Fund 9/28	51,185.32

Monthly Reports:

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Steve Bachman had nothing new to report.

Fire Company: David Fink had no report,

Director of Office Operations: Forrest Wessner III thanked the road crew for moving file cabinets in the zoning office and EIT office.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steve Bachman reported the dugouts are almost complete, regular metal cans will be purchased and painted black & gold for use as trash cans, and they are checking into purchasing a Kubota tractor. The NYAA is going to online registrations only. Election for NYAA officers is in November.

Director of Public Works: David Fink reported on the Rex Road Bridge project. Roy Stewart will contact Ryan at Keystone Consulting Eng.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber reported they have been working on dirt roads, shoulders, pipes, fire company parking lot, and helping other townships. The roller locked up and Kevin asked for direction on what the board wants to do. The Board of Supervisor's recommended Kevin get prices on rollers and try to sell the roller complete on municibid. Cassandra Graver from the school transportation department questioned who is responsible for the Bus Stop Signs throughout the township. General consensus of the Board of Supervisors is that the school will pay for materials and the township personnel will do the installation. David Fink requested that Janice prepare a memorandum of understanding (mou) for Heidelberg Township and Northwestern Lehigh School District. A car count was done at the light at the school and at this time it is fine. Kevin called the company who painted the roof; it was painted in 2005 and it had a two year warranty.

Township Administrator: Janice Bortz reported the blinds have been installed. She will be going through the EIT office with Tammy White the week of the 15th and working on the website with Julie Lubinsky. The Board members have for review Berks Intermediate Unit's new contract for the 2013 Real Estate Tax Billing Service and it will be on the November agenda. Lehigh County sent a letter stating the real estate transfer tax will now be a direct deposit. Janice gave the Board of Supervisors a draft budget. KMIT voted to discontinue worker compensation insurance for fire companies. Brown and Brown is presently looking for a new workers compensation insurance carrier.

Township Zoning Officer: Roy Stewart had nothing to report.

Township Engineer: Roy Stewart had nothing new to report.

EAC report: No report.

Subdivisions/Land Development: None

Old Business: None

New Business

Julian Badesso to address Board – Driveway Waiver Request - Property address is 6714 Hollenbach Road, New Tripoli, Pa. 18066: Mr. Badesso stated that after he spoke with Roy Stewart and his driveway complied with the original ordinances he does not need the waiver request. He has done work to the swale and might need to dig it deeper. Mr. Badesso will work with Roy Stewart on this driveway issue.

Tim Metzger of 6727 Hollenbach Road, New Tripoli, Pa.18066 questioned the Board if there was anything else to be done due to water running onto his property. Roy Stewart commented that the pipe under the road has been there a long time, is functioning, and it is naturally a wet area.

Planning Commission Comments: The planning members felt that the Junkyard Ordinance is fine at this time.

Nuisance Ordinance Amendment: The planning members recommended adding two sections to Section 10.202 Definitions and Section 10.203 Prohibitions (see letter from planning commission). Steve Bachman had concern that this would put all farms in violation. The Board recommended Roy Stewart and Atty. Waters discuss this.

Roy Stewart has a sample sign ordinance.

Set workshop date for proposed 2013 budget review: The workshop date for the 2013 budget review will be one hour before the regular scheduled meeting; November 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Target Shooting Complaint: Laurie Snyder of 8540 Ulrich Road, Germansville, Pa. 18053 addressed the Board. She stated that she is target shooting safely, responsible, and considerate of time and neighbors. The Pa. State Police were at her property and stated that she was within her rights. The Board of Supervisors stated that there is nothing in the ordinance to prohibit target shooting.

Carl Breininger to address Board – Barn demolition at 8181 Reservoir Road: Resident Carl Breininger had safety concerns due to the barn so close to the road and they had stopped demolition work. It was explained that DEP put a Stop Work Order on this job.

Public Comment:

Jason Curtis of 5690 Hollenbach Road questioned the Board on Mr. Badesso's driveway permit. The Board commented Mr. Badesso's driveway conformed to the 1982 Ordinance and Heidelberg Township had no jurisdiction past the road right of way at that time. Roy Stewart will look at the old ordinances and a letter will go to the Board of Supervisors.

Correspondence

The Slatedale Emerald Lions Club is looking for a Service Project.

Jordan Creek Greenways Program – Farmland Raptor Program will be using the Heidelberg Municipal Building for a meeting on October 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Steve Bachman to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Kathy Hermany,

Janice M. Bortz
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors