

January 19, 2017

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30pm at the Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli, PA 18066. Present were Supervisors Steven Bachman, David Fink, and Jonathan Jakum, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers, Road Superintendent Kevin Huber, Zoning Assistant Dawn Didra, Township Solicitor Atty. Charles Waters from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices., and Township Engineer Christopher Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: Jennifer Bodisch of Northwestern Press

Recognition of members of the press: Jennifer Bodisch of Northwestern Press

Recognition of dignitaries: Linda Gorgas, Supervisor and Jeff Strauss, Tax Collector from Weisenberg Township

Approve minutes of the December 15, 2016 regular monthly meeting and January 3, 2017 reorganizational meeting: David Fink made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2016 regular monthly meeting and January 3, 2017 reorganization meeting as written. Steven Bachman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: Carl Brieninger may have comments

Executive session: None

Payment of bills: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Steven Bachman to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft2676 – eft2702 and 21051 - 21103 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report

Fire Company: David Fink reported that the information on wing night is up on the sign and he deferred to Jay Scheffler who reported that members attended training. Wing nights have been scheduled along with coin nights. The 100th anniversary quilt has been completed and has been received.

Ambulance Service: Mark Smith reported that the meeting with the township representative was productive and that the staffing issues they were having are getting better. The township will be staffed more and they will be giving the township monthly reports. The contract ends this year so both will be preparing for a new contract.

Director of Office Operations: No report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: No report.

Director of Public Works: David Fink reported that there was a mini COG meeting regarding shared services and equipment. Lowhill Township called the meeting because they may stop participating in the oil and chipping. They are looking into costs.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber reported that Lowhill Township agreed to give one truck and one driver to help the COG with oil and chipping. The road crew is working on scraping and salting dirt roads, tree trimming, cleaning trucks in preparation of putting on rust preventative, worked on air compressor. The John Deere is being repaired. Kevin is also working on getting quotes for a new heating system and what needs to be done to repair the roof.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers reported that she is working on year end reports including W-2's and preparing financials for the audit.

Township Zoning Officer: Christopher Noll, from Keystone Consulting Engineers reported on current and on-going investigations of violations and permit application reviews.

Township Engineer: Christopher Noll, from Keystone Consulting Engineers reported NWLSD land development is ready for signatures now that the letter of guarantee has been received. He has been attending the MS-4 meetings and updating the information for new report submission. He will be meeting with Steve and Kevin regarding where to put the signs for the crosswalk and speed limit on Northwest Road.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: None

Subdivisions/Land Development: None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance #2017-1 – amending the zoning ordinance with wireless communications towers. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt ordinance #2017-1. Motion carried.

Resolution #2016-19 –establish bank accounts at New Tripoli Bank. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt resolution #2017-15. Motion carried.

Review application for junkyard permit renewal: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to accept the junkyard permit renewal application as of today's date. Motion carried.

New Truck Purchase: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to authorize a \$200,000 loan from New Tripoli Bank for an 84 month term at 2.50% fixed interest rate for the purchase of a 2018 Mack Tandem Axel Dump/Plow Truck. Motion carried.

Heating/cooling system: waiting on additional bids

Resolution #2017-16- appointment to EAC. Motion by Steven Bachman and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2017-16 – appointing Lucas Savage as a regular member of the EAC. Motion carried.

Tax collector commission and fees – Resolution #2017-17 and 2017-18 – Setting fees and commission for real estate tax collector. After much debate and discussion a motion was made by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2017-18 setting the commission for real estate tax collector at 2.2% of taxes collected beginning on January 1, 2018. Motion carried. Motion by Steve Bachman, seconded by David Fink to adopt Resolution #2017-17 setting the fees to be charged by the tax collector beginning on January 1, 2018. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jay Scheffler had a question as to where the junk yard was located and was told it is behind Miller's Used Cars and Trucks.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment: A motion was made by David Fink, and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors