

December 15, 2016

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 and David Fink, 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. Supervisor Rodney Schlauch Jr. was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: None

Recognition of members of the press: None

Approve minutes of the November 17, 2016 special meeting and regular monthly meeting: David Fink made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 special and regular meetings as written with one change, Mark Smith is spelled with a c and should be a k. Steven Bachman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: None

Executive session: None

Payment of bills: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Steven Bachman to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft2649 – eft2675 and 21019 - 21050 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report

Fire Company: David Fink reported that the regular meeting was postponed until December 19 when they will also be having an information night for new volunteers or anyone interested in becoming a volunteer.

Ambulance Service: No report

Director of Office Operations: No report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steven Bachman reported that Keith Strohl of Steckel and Stopp was at the meeting to present a \$2500.00 donation to the recreation commission. There recently was an issue with the dumpster being filled with garbage from people that were moving, they have the name and address, but since they moved may not be able to go after them for it. The walking trail is set to be completed in 2017.

Director of Public Works: David Fink deferred to Kevin Huber.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber reported that he is working on getting prices for a new heating system. The six township meeting was postponed due to weather. The road crew is working on blacktop cold patch, filling holes in dirt roads, Jones Road, snow markers are up, got the plows out and vehicle maintenance done, cleaned drains and ditches, used the blower to get the leaves out of the ditches. Trim trees depending on the weather, residents were approached for permission.

Township Administrator: Working on year end reports and preparing financials for the audit. Can the township newsletter be moved to spring instead of fall because winter is slower for permitting and it would be easier to work on it then. Both David Fink and Steven Bachman agreed that would be fine, but David

Fink suggested that publication waits until after PSATS convention. Emergency management letters were sent out and responses are coming in. Lynn and Heidelberg agreed to work on resolutions from February's township meetings.

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 that he has been attending the MS-4 meetings and updating the information for new report submission. Working on zoning amendments for a type of multiple use properties. LCCD has been contacting him regarding our memo of understanding. The Board may want to look into doing something like some other local townships have done and create a permitting process to make things cheaper and easier for residents so they do not have to go through LCCD for smaller earth disturbances.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: None

Subdivisions/Land Development: None

Old Business:

NWLSD request regarding zoning change for impervious coverage for a school use: Attorney Charles Waters suggested that for public and private schools the use could be bumped up to 25-45% rule. Janice Meyers mentioned that in the zoning ordinance daycares and preschools also fall under schools. The Board asked Attorney Waters to look into it further.

New Business:

Resolution #2016-19 – addition to Agricultural security area: 5471 and 5459 Sell Road. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by David Fink to approve resolution #2016-19.

Resolution #2016-20 – adopt tax levy for the year 2017. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Steven Bachman to approve resolution #2016-20. Motion carried.

Resolution #2016-21 – adopt annual budget for the year 2017. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by David Fink to approve resolution #2016-21. Motion carried.

Advertise reorganization meetings: A motion was made by David Fink, seconded by Steven Bachman to approve the advertisement of the reorganization meetings: Supervisors 1/3/17, 7:30 pm and Auditors 1/4/17, 7pm. Motion carried.

Appoint Supervisor to meet with Ambulance representative: The ambulance service requested a supervisor be designated as the township representative to meet with an ambulance corp representative as needed. Steve Bachman will be the township representative.

Supervisor Rodney Schlauch Jr. Status: Supervisor Rodney Schlauch submitted a resignation letter as township supervisor and planning commission member effective December 15, 2016. A motion by David Fink, seconded by Steven Bachman was made to accept the resignation with reservations. Steven Bachman asked that Janice Meyers send a letter to Rodney thanking him for his service. The remaining supervisors have 30 days to find a replacement. Steven Bachman asked that anyone interested send in a letter of intent/interest and/or fill out an application. Appointment will be discussed at the re-organization meeting.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Breininger said that Lowhill and Lynn Townships have discussed the tax levy. Janice Meyers said this will be done at the re-organization meeting.

Carl Brieiniger's questions was answered that there are two openings for regular members and one for an alternate member on the planning commission.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment: A motion was made by David Fink, and seconded by Steven Bachman to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors