

November 16, 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: None.

Recognition of members of the press: Elsa Kerschner of Northwestern Press

Approve minutes of the October 19, 2017 regular monthly meeting and budget meeting: Jonathan Jakum made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 regular monthly meeting minutes and budget meeting minutes. David Fink seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: Carl Breininger and Randy Metzger may have comments.

Executive session: None

Payment of bills: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft2960 – eft2985 and 21493 - 21531 and No State Fund checks. Motion carried.

#### Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Randy Metzger reported that the longevity of the committee was discussed due to drop in attendance; insurance was consolidated with significant savings; new EMA; need for a CERT team; next meeting Jan 17 at New Tripoli.

Fire Company: Randy Metzger reported that wing night was a success, there is a new hall coordinator, updates have been made to the kitchen, and December 17 there will be a breakfast with Santa.

Ambulance Service: No report.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steven Bachman gave his report. 4 individuals that did damage to the recreation field have been identified and are being contacted to pay for the damage.

Director of Public Works: David Fink gave his report. A motion was made by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to purchase a chipper up to \$12,500. Motion Carried

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report. Generator is up and running and has been tested.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report. Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation plan, LVPC municipal plan, township multi-municipal plan all need updating next year.

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 gave his report. Erosion and sedimentation issues were discussed and sample ordinances requiring E & S plans dependent on the total excavation area will be available for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: Continue to look for a rain garden speaker. Hopefully have a date in spring for rain garden talk, will invite local townships to participate as part of MS4 education.

Subdivisions/Land Development: None

Old Business:

Volunteer fire fighters tax incentive: A motion was made by Steven Bachman and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to suspend Act 172 discussions. Motion carried. A more fair and equitable "thank you for your service bonus" is being considered in place of Act 172.

Heating and Cooling system: Janice Meyers procured a \$50,000 grant from Sen. Browne for a heating/cooling system. Kevin Huber and David Fink are working on getting more quotes to be ready for installation in spring.

Mack protection plan: Tabled

New Business:

Review of budget meeting discussion: A motion was made by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to advertise the budget with no change to the total dollar amount. Motion carried. The milage will remain at 1.40 mils with 1.0 for general purposes and 0.40 for fire tax in 2018.

Mini-casinos: Opt out resolution: A motion was made by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2017-24 - to "opt out" from allowing the mini-casinos. Motion carried

Request to purchase township parcel: A motion was made by David Fink and seconded by Steven Bachman to send a letter that the township is not interested in selling any township property. Motion carried

Employee Health Plan: Several options for the employee contribution and reimbursement for opting out were discussed. No decisions were made.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Breining commented that at the LTCC meeting it was decided that the auditor is changing and the Berkheimer commission rate is decreasing.

Randy Metzger, assistant fire chief, expressed concerns regarding the fire tax changes.

Correspondence:

Master watershed steward program information will be posted.

Steve Bachman received a letter regarding emergency preparedness.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jonathan Jakum, and seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers  
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors