

March 15, 2018

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 Officer Dawn Didra, and 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 Kershner

Approve minutes of the February 15, 2018 regular monthly meeting: David Fink made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 regular monthly meeting. Jonathan Jakum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Executive session: None

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft3075 – eft3100 and 21661 - 21710 and No State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: None.

Fire Company: Jay Scheffler reported that meeting with local representatives Pat Browne and Gary Day went well. Fire Company purchased a drone and has begun training. Volunteers are undergoing various trainings.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Josh Bingham reported that Weisenberg EMC offered to help with the CERT team set up. Emergency contacts have been updated.

Ambulance Service: Steven Bachman read from the January and February reports.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steven Bachman reported that Jim Hughes has been named as member at large. Walking trail moving forward.

Director of Public Works: Motion by David Fink and seconded by Steven Bachman to purchase the 2006 sweeper from the City of Allentown for \$2000.00. Motion carried. Motion by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to sell the old sweeper on MuniBid. Motion carried. Motion by Steven Bachman and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to set a policy to pay a minimum 2 hours if called out for an emergency. David Fink abstained. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report. Road inspection with Board of Supervisors will be set for March. The school confirmed they purchased thermoplastic for the crosswalk but they do not have experience using it so the road crew will help them.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report. Hazard Mitigation update in progress. Preparing real estate tax bills for mailing.

Township Zoning Officer: Dawn Didra reported on current and on-going investigations of violations and permit application reviews.

Township Engineer: Christopher Noll gave his report.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: Jonathan Jakum reported that the EAC will be having a riparian clean-up day and a well and septic workshop.

Township Solicitor: None.

Subdivisions/Land Development

None

Unfinished Business:

Heating /Cooling System: Motion by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to use the quote from Laudenslager for the grant application. Motion carried.

New Business:

Review Auditors letter: Motion by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to have the Chairman sign the response letter. Motion carried.

Request for exoneration of real estate taxes for mobile home. A motion by Steven Bachman and seconded by David Fink to exonerate real estate taxes for mobile homes that were removed. Motion carried.

Proposed ordinance updates: Low impact home based business and Apartment/Multi-Family Dwelling – The Board would like the planning commission to continue their review.

Heidelberg Church 5K run: Fire police requested to close roads and direct traffic September 22. Motion by David Fink and seconded by Steven Bachman to authorize the closing of the roads and use of the fire police. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Fire Chief Jay Scheffler asked for permission to close the intersection of Hunters Hill and Northwest Roads for a Multi-Casualty Incident training. Motion by Steven Bachman and seconded by David Fink to approve. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jonathan Jakum, and seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors