

November 29, 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, Township Solicitor Atty. Chuck Waters from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices, and Township Engineer Christopher Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers. Zoning Officer Dawn Didra was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: None

Recognition of members of the press: Elsa Kershner from the Northwestern Press

Approve minutes of the October 18, 2018 budget meeting and regular monthly meeting: David Fink made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2018 budget meeting and the October 18, 2018 regular monthly meeting minutes. Jonathan Jakum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Executive Session: From 7:30 to 7:36 Steve Bachman, David Fink, Jonathan Jakum, Kevin Huber, Janice Meyers and Atty. Waters met in executive session to discuss a real estate matter.

Payment of bills: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft3298 – eft3323 and 22016 - 22067 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: None.

Fire Company: Jay Scheffler, fire chief, said there are fundraisers planned. Beginning in January the call reimbursement will be distributed. Lowhill is willing to pay towards this call reimbursement. The new truck was ordered and should be ready October 2019.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Josh Bingham said Web EOC is being used for smaller weather events and is more real time than using email.

Ambulance Service: Steven Bachman read from the October report. Diane Huber reported on the monthly NOVA meeting.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steven Bachman reported on the monthly meeting. The building keys are being rekeyed. Kevin Huber should let him know how many keys the township needs. Brian Carl will be reporting on the meeting of the four township road masters and him regarding doing work on the proposed walking trail.

Director of Public Works: David Fink reported on the poor and potentially hazardous conditions of many state roads in the township. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to send a strongly worded letter to PennDOT and the state legislators regarding the areas on state roads causing safety issues for vehicular travel due to water runoff, holes in the road and debris on the road. Motion carried. Kevin Huber will give Janice Meyers the locations of these road issues.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber reported on current and ongoing road work including tree trimming.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report. Senator Browne's office and Representative Day's office are both working on resolving the issues with the Green Light Go grant project. The Board agreed to not pursue

the grant project due to the estimated costs to the township. Becky Bradley of the LVPC keeps stressing the importance of submitting projects for the FutureLV plan by 1/25/19. Motion by Steve Bachman, seconded by David Fink to temporarily keep using Ferraar-Kampstra as the township pension plan administrator, who is combining businesses with Stonebridge Financial Group and will now be using that name. Motion carried. Their office location is not changing. Triad Advisors LLC will be used as the financial advisors instead of Geneos Wealth Management. David Fink would like to look into other pension plan options in the near future.

Township Zoning Officer: Chris Noll read from Dawn Didra's zoning report. Kevin Huber was asked by the current owner of property on Buckery Road to be able to hold off on repairing the driveway drainage issues and pass them onto the next owner. The property is up for sale. The Board concluded this drainage problem needs to be fixed immediately due to continuing water and icing issues.

Township Engineer: Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers gave his report.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: None

Township Solicitor: None

Subdivisions/Land Development

None

Unfinished Business:

Hunters Hill Road drainage issue: The Board requested another letter be sent to Emily Reigel regarding the drainage issue on Hunters Hill Road.

Review of proposed zoning ordinance changes: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to have Atty. Waters work on the ordinance updates including all past updates. Motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution #2018-23 – Addition to the Agricultural Security Area – owners David, Sonia, Michael Fink, 28.2910 acres: Motion to adopt Resolution #2018-23 made by Steve Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum. David Fink recused himself from voting. Motion carried.

Resolution #2018-24 – Addition to the Agricultural Security Area – owner Dwayne Henritzky – 12.399 acres: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2018-24. Motion carried.

Resolution #2018-25 – Set Tax Levy for 2019: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2018-25 setting the real estate tax at 1 mil for general purposes and 0.4 mils for fire tax the same as 2018 and all other taxes the same as 2018. Motion carried.

Resolution #2018- 26 – Adopt Budget for 2019: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve Resolution #2018-26. Motion carried.

Bid review for heating –a/c system project: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to reject the bid due to insufficient information and high bid amount. Motion carried. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Steve Bachman to rebid the project after the Board of Supervisors review the wording of the ad and the bid specifications. Motion carried.

ADA ramps in Heidelberg Heights area: Kevin Huber said these are federally mandated. The Board agreed that Atty. Waters should send a letter to the LCA solicitor or contact him.

Public Comment

Jay Scheffler thanked the road crew for installing the folding stop signs at Route 309 and Northwest Road.

Jan Sutermeister spoke to the Board about her idea for a community swimming pool. She is setting up a 501C3 non-profit and will not be requesting funding from any township for this project. The Board agreed that the township would not fund or be part of this venture.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jonathan Jakum, and seconded by Steve Bachman to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors