

June 21, 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, Road Superintendent Kevin Huber, Zoning Officer Dawn Didra, and Township Solicitor Atty. Chuck Waters from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices, and Township Engineer Christopher Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers. Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: None

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

Approve minutes of the May 17, 2018 regular monthly meeting: Jonathan Jakum made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018 regular monthly meeting. David Fink seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Executive session: None

Payment of bills: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft3129 – eft3154 and 21762 - 21799 and State Fund check #1705. Motion carried.

Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to raise the treasurers bond to \$800,000. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Joshua Bingham reported that the next meeting will be September 11.

Fire Company: David Fink deferred to Jay Scheffler. Jay reported that Fire Company officers attended Lowhill Township meeting to ask for a donation to the truck fund. The request was denied. There is a wing night coming up July 14.

Emergency Management Coordinator: None.

Ambulance Service: Steven Bachman read from the March report.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum reported that the Heating and Air Conditioning grant has been submitted for final review.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steven Bachman reported that the walking trail bids were all rejected due to prevailing wage requirements jacking up costs. Night in the Country is coming up August 18th.

Director of Public Works: David Fink gave his report.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report. The road crew has been working on dirt roads and are getting ready for oil & chipping.

Township Administrator: None

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: Dawn Didra reported the well and septic workshop May 22 was well attended and everyone who attended agreed it was a very informative event.

Township Solicitor: None

Subdivisions/Land Development

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Request for well and septic distance exemption for 7642 Hawk View Road. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to grant waiver contingent upon Christopher Noll's review of the proposed septic system location. Motion carried.

Approve time extension for the Green Light Go grant project – backup battery to December 31, 2018. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to accept the new timeline. Motion carried.

Resolution #2018-16 – authorizing an application to the PA Municipal Assistance Program for the Multi-municipal plan update. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2018-16. Motion carried

Approve attendance at the LCATO Summer Convention – August 3, 2018. A motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the attendance of the Road Crew, Supervisors, Office Staff, Tax Collector and Auditors to the LCATO summer convention. Motion carried

Discuss Hunters Hill Road drainage issue. David Fink requested Christopher Noll review the previous recommendations and see if there are any other alternatives.

Review proposed fireworks ordinance. Steven Bachman requested that Chuck Waters look into the changes in the law and make a recommendation that can be acted on at the next meeting if necessary.

Public Comment:

Jay Scheffler made a complaint about an abandoned house on Saegersville Road.

Phyllis Breininger requested that the board send a letter in opposition of House Bills 1099 and 653 giving municipalities the ability to appoint a tax collector. The Board requested more information and will address it as an agenda item at the July meeting.

Carl Breininger questioned the employee review process and the raise that was given to Dawn Didra at the last meeting.

Wayne Frey commended the Supervisors and David Fink for their support of Farmland Preservation.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jonathan Jakum, and seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors