

July 19, 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. Chuck 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 from the Northwestern Press

Approve minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting: David Fink made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 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 # eft3194 – eft3219 and 21850 - 21890 and State Fund check #1708. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: None.

Fire Company: David Fink fire tax check issued for \$134,000. Ladder truck is being configured. Fire Company will have food at Night in the Country.

Emergency Management Coordinator: None.

Ambulance Service: Steven Bachman read from the May report. Diane Huber volunteered to be the liaison. Approval to be given at the August meeting.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report. Township maps have not been sent out since 2012. Dawn Didra will work with Hometown Press to send out updated maps. The only cost is for postage. 1000 "welcome" folders to be given to new residents will also be printed free of charge.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steven Bachman reported that the walking trail is on hold as they look at alternatives due to the cost of paving. Night in the Country is August 18th.

Director of Public Works: David Fink gave his report.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report. Oil & chip completed. Working on storm water piping at Fire Company.

Township Administrator: LCATO picnic list of attendees was to include the planning commission members. Green Light Go grant cost update. A motion by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to withdraw from the grant. Motion carried.

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. The MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan comments were addressed. Chris will draft a letter outlining the acceptable resolutions to the issue of drainage on Hunters Hill Road to be approved by supervisors before being sent.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: None

Township Solicitor: Bake Oven Road property sheriff sale scheduled for July 27 has been stayed. Will follow-up to find out why.

Subdivisions/Land Development

None

Unfinished Business:

Hunters Hill Road drainage issue was covered in the engineer report.

New Business:

Veterans Memorial: Donald Christ of Lynn Township, spoke to the board about a possible Veteran's Memorial planned for Ontelaunee Park. It would be to honor veterans in the townships served by the Northwestern Lehigh School District. Bill Dellicker said they visited the one in Palmerton and gathered information there. They expect to have monthly meetings and would like to have a delegate from each municipality.

A motion by Steven Bachman and seconded by Jonathan Jakum for Heidelberg Township to participate in the planning and building of the monument. Motion Carried. The Supervisors will designate a resident to represent the township at the meetings.

Ordinance #2018-1: providing for granting of permits for the use of display fireworks. A motion by David Fink and seconded by Steven Bachman was made to approve ordinance 2018-1. Motion carried.

Phyllis Breininger: Phyllis requested the board oppose a bill that proposes changes to tax collector appointments. Tabled.

MS4 pollutant reduction plan: discussed in engineers report.

Township Map & Guide: discussed in director of office operations report.

Penn State Cooperative Extension Land Use Webinars: Supervisors agreed to pay for one access that staff and planning members can share.

Public Comment:

William Shellhammer Jr. from the fire company, requested that the township install temporary folding stop signs at the intersection of Rt.309, Long Ct., and Northwest Road. Kevin will look into cost and if PennDOT approval is needed.

Phyllis Breininger asked what the agreement is between the fire company and the township as to when the fire tax is dispersed.

Steven Bachman commented that he will not be at next months meeting.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jonathan Jakum, and seconded by Steven Bachman to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors