

March 21, 2019

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, Township Solicitor Atty. Charles Waters from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices, and Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers attended as Township Engineer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: None

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

Approve minutes of the February 28, 2019 regular monthly meeting: David Fink made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 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 # eft3428 – eft3438 and 22199 - 22236 and No State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Jay Scheffler said an April meeting will be held.

Fire Company: David Fink reported that New Tripoli Bank donated \$50,000 for the new truck. Jay Scheffler reported that the multi-casualty incident training will take place April 13 at Hunters Hill Road and Northwest Road. The area will be closed during the training exercise. A bus and car will be used for the training. Janice Meyers should send a letter to the local fire companies explaining that the Board agrees they may use Jones Road for training exercises.

Emergency Management Coordinator: No report.

Ambulance Service: Stephen Bachman read from the February report. Diane Huber gave her report.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Walk around for the trail was done with road superintendents regarding what they can help with. Work will be completed after Night in the Country.

Director of Public Works: David Fink gave his report. Supervisors road inspection will be 6pm 3/28/19.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report. The township is now eligible for CDBG grants. A motion by David Fink and seconded by Steven Bachman to submit for this year's CDBG grant and for Township Administrator to be signatory. Motion carried. Kevin Huber is to give Janice the road project information for Heidelberg Heights so she may apply for the grant due 4/12/19.

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

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

Environmental Advisory Council Report: EAC asking for funds for \$100.00 scholarship. A motion by Jonathan Jakum seconded by Steven Bachman to authorize a \$100.00 EAC scholarship. Motion carried.

Township Solicitor: No report.

Steve Bachman commented that the township received a copy of the proposed Ontelaunee Park Veterans Memorial drawing.

Subdivisions/Land Development

William Mantz – Minor subdivision sewage planning module review. Mr. Mantz was present at the meeting. A motion by Steven Bachman and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to conditionally approve the sewage planning module pending the bog turtle study. Motion carried.

Byram Land Development – Preliminary lot line adjustment. The plan was represented by Gary Mayhem and Robert Piper of Byram Land Development LLC. A motion by Steven Bachman seconded by Jonathan Jakum for conditional preliminary approval of the plan dated January 7, 2017 pending PennDOT HOP, secondary septic site and variance for garage. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Hunters Hill drainage issue: Charles Waters and Chrisopher Noll are working on a letter spelling out what will be done and requiring the property owners to sign a document granting the township a construction easement. A citation will be issued if they do not cooperate.

Letter to PennDOT regarding road conditions: A PennDOT representative has contacted Kevin, but has canceled every time a meeting was scheduled. Janice will send a follow-up letter regarding the inaction on these serious road issues including Tim Fehr.

New Business:

Letter to State Representatives re: proposed state budget: Janice to send a letter regarding the Townships opposition to a state police service fee.

Discuss meeting with LCA: A meeting was requested by LCA to discuss infiltration issues and to ask for the townships cooperation in addressing this issue. David Fink, Janice Meyers, Kevin Huber, Christopher Noll, Keith Strohl and Dawn Didra attended the meeting. LCA requested residents be informed about smoke testing that will be done in Heidelberg Heights. LCA provided a proposed ordinance that would allow them to act as an agent for the Township in regards to the sewer system. This would allow them to address infiltration issues that were cited by DEP.

Request for addition to ASA: Lee and Ruth Miller, Route 309, 87.8 acres: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to table the Miller's application. Motion carried.

Financial audit letter from auditors: Janice to send a thank you letter to the auditors for a job well done.

EMC appointment: Steven Bachman talked to Lynn Township and they agreed each township will offer a \$500.00 line item in the budget and a \$500.00 stipend annually to the EMC. Kevin Huber should advertise on the sign for a replacement EMC.

Jan Studemeister – Pool presentation: Jan gave a presentation and updates on the proposed pool project she is spearheading.

Public Comment:

None

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jonathan Jakum, and seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors