

November 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 October 17, 2019 budget meeting and regular monthly meeting: Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 budget meeting and regular monthly meeting with one change, Walter Frisch represented the Frisch Danner subdivision. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: None

Executive session: Steven Bachman, Jonathan Jakum, David Fink, Charles Waters, Janice Meyers, Kevin Huber, Dawn Didra and Chris Noll met in executive session from 7:40-7:50 to discuss possible legal action.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft3633– eft3669 and 22573 - 22622 and State Fund checks #1717-1720. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report.

Fire Company: Jay Scheffler gave his report.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Position is open. Janice will ask North Whitehall Township if they pay their EMC.

Ambulance Service: Steven Bachman read the report.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steven Bachman gave his report.

Director of Public Works: David Fink gave his report. Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to have Kevin Huber put together a bid package for a 3500 or 4500 pick-up truck with a Duramax motor and Allison transmission, full hydraulics, stainless body with folding sides, a tool box, a spreader, plow and emergency light package through CoStars. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber reported the township owned house on Werleys Corner Road was demolished under budget.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report. Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by David Fink to pay \$500.00 to Sanctuary at Haafsville for their 2019 services as requested and continue to pay the maximum donation each year. Motion carried.

Township Zoning Officer: Dawn Didra gave her report

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

Environmental Advisory Council Report: Jonathan Jakum reported that the EAC did a planting in front of the municipal building in place of their November meeting.

Township Solicitor: No report.

Subdivisions/Land Development

Fink subdivision – Minor - Final: All conditioned in Chris Noll's letter dated 10/21/19 have been met. David Fink recused himself from the discussion and motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the subdivision as final. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Hunters Hill drainage issue status: Charles Waters to move forward with legal action as discussed in executive session.

Vacation of select roads status: Chris, Dawn & Kevin to look into and clarify what sections of Bittners Ct. need to be vacated.

New Business:

Review Fire Tax donations: Motion by David Fink seconded by Steven Bachman to authorize the director of office operations to investigate the fire tax payments issue. Motion carried.

Resolution #2019-14 – Set tax levy for the year 2020: Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2019-14. Motion carried. No tax change.

Resolution #2019-15 – Adopt budget for the year 2020: Motion by Jonathan Jakum seconded by David Fink to adopt Resolution #2019-15. Motion carried.

Letter to PennDOT regarding hazardous road conditions: Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by David Fink to authorize sending the letter with the addition of Church Road by Heidelberg Heights Road and multiple issues on Saegersville Road. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Breininger, Tax Collector reported on the Lehigh Tax Collection Committee meeting.

Jay Scheffler asked that we remind people that it is state law to yield to emergency vehicles.

Correspondence:

None.

Adjournment: Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors