

February 20, 2020

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30 pm 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, 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. Road Superintendent Kevin Huber was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: Sarit Laschinsky of the Northwestern Press

Recognition of members of the press: Sarit Laschinsky of the Northwestern Press

Approve minutes of the January 6, 2020 reorganization and regular monthly meeting: Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 reorganization and regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: None

Executive session: Steven Bachman, Jonathan Jakum, David Fink, Attorney Waters, and Janice Meyers met in executive session 7:33pm to 7:37pm regarding an employment matter. There was also an executive session January 20, 2020 at 6:00pm to 6:15pm regarding a litigation matter with Steven Bachman, Jonathan Jakum, David Fink, Janice Meyers, Kevin Huber, Dawn Didra and Atty. Keith Strohl in attendance.

Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to retain Attorney John Audi of Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams as labor relations attorney. Motion carried.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft3707– eft3743 and 22695 – 22781 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

#### Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Steven Bachman and Jay Scheffler gave their reports.

Fire Company: David Fink gave his report. TJ Stellar Fire Company President also spoke about the fire company.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Position open.

Ambulance Service: Diane Huber gave her 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.

Road Superintendent: No report.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report.

Township Zoning Officer: Dawn Didra gave her report.

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

Environmental Advisory Council Report: Dawn Didra gave her report. The EAC requested the Board approve a \$150.00 scholarship. Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve a \$150.00 EAC Scholarship. Motion carried.

Township Solicitor: Attorney Charles Waters gave his report.

#### Subdivisions/Land Development

Walter F. Frisch & Anthony W. Danner PIN #553098254296- 5664 Railroad Road – Minor Subdivision – Final: Justin Gross from Lehigh Engineering was in attendance to review the plan with the Board. Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the final plan with a revision date of 11/12/19. Motion carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

Vacation of select roads status: Charles Waters reported that the letters are almost ready to go out to the affected property owners.

Fire Tax donations - decision: TJ Stellar spoke on behalf of the Fire Company. Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to view the over payment to the Fire Company as a 5 year equipment loan to be paid back beginning in 2020 in 5 equal installments totaling \$53,730.41 with no interest. Motion carried.

Hunters Hill Road drainage issue – status: Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by Jonathan Jakum to authorize litigation and costs. Motion carried.

Report from Blue Ridge and other carriers: Janice Meyers reported on her research and asked the Board if they wanted any further research. David Fink was satisfied that the cable companies provide a breakdown of sales and services and the franchise fees they pay the Township based on them.

#### New Business:

Heidelberg Only EMC proposal: Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by David Fink to appoint Dawn Didra as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried. The EMC reimbursement will be as stated in the proposal.

SASO – Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance: Tabled

Request from Union: waiting for attorney for response.

Resolution #2020-12 – Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan – Planning agreement with LVPC: Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by David Fink to adopt Resolution #2020-12. Motion carried.

Handicap ramps: Tabled

PennDOT request for signal permit plan review: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to have Chris Noll, KCE review the plan and have Steve Bachman sign the plan. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment:

Jan Sutermeister commented that her organization has applied for 501C status and that they need a letter from the Township giving their support for the organization to do a feasibility study in order for them to apply for grants. Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by Jonathan Jakum to have Janice Meyers send a letter of support. Motion carried

Correspondence:

None.

Adjournment: Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers  
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

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