

August 20, 2020

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30 pm in-person and via Zoom (remote meeting due to COVID-19). Present were Supervisors Steven Bachman, and Jonathan Jakum, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers, Zoning Officer Dawn Didra and Road Superintendent Kevin Huber, Township Solicitor Atty. Charles Waters from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices and Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers, as Township Engineer. Supervisor David Fink was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: Sarit Laschinsky

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

Public comment on agenda items: None

Approve minutes of the July 16, 2020 regular monthly meeting: Motion by Jonathan Jakum seconded by Steven Bachman to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

Executive session: None.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by Steven Bachman to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft3879– eft3904 and 22977 – 23023 and State Fund check #1738.. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report. October 21st is the next meeting.

Fire Company: Jay Scheffler gave his report. He will give a copy of the budget to the Board.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report. The Board agreed having a guest wifi login and a hotspot that can be used from the parking lot is a timely idea.

Ambulance Service: Steve Bachman read the NOVA report. Diana Huber gave her update.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

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

Director of Public Works: No report.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report. The parking lines on Glen Court cul-de-sac will be repainted.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report.

Township Zoning Officer: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Township Engineer: Chris Noll gave his report. Chris will provide the Board will a list of costs regarding fixing the Hunters Hill Road drainage issue.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: No report.

Township Solicitor: No report.

Subdivision and Land Development: None

Unfinished Business:

Vacation of select roads status: David Loch, owner of the property on Holly Hill Court asked if he could address the alleged violations on Holly Hill Court. Mr. Loch gave a history of the Township portion of the road since he has lived there. A verbal approval for paving the road was given by then Zoning Officer /Township Administrator Barry Mantz. The private drive sign was existing when Mr. Loch purchased the property. Mr. Loch has done all maintenance, including snow plowing on both his and the Township portion of Holly Hill Court since he purchased the property. He, and his neighbors are not interested in taking possession of the road at this time. The Board agreed that no further action on this is necessary.

Handicap ramps: Chris Noll said Jason Peters, LCA has agreed to put in handicap ramps when they do work to upgrade the sewer system.

Discuss Michael Kistler's request for handicap ramp at 5278 Herman Street. Chris Noll to get options for sidewalk and curb replacement and estimated costs and to create a plan to replace the sidewalks in all areas on a rolling schedule.

New Business:

CARES Act change to AIG plan: Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by Jonathan Jakum to waive the minimum yearly withdrawal amount as made possible by the CARES Act for the AIG/VALIC deferred compensation plan. Motion carried.

Dirt road washouts – Jones/Trout: Mr. Bruce Zellner gave a history of the work that was done on Jones Road and gave his opinion of what should be done to alleviate the issues. Mr. Paul Kovalchik also expressed concerns with the dirt roads and the cost of maintenance. Mr. Earl Zellner and Mr. Keim also expressed some of the same concerns. Mr. Bruce Zellner, Mr. Kovalchik, Mr. Keim and Mr. Earl Zellner all requested that the dirt roads be oil and chipped if they are not to be paved and if a plan can be made so that eventually all dirt roads will be paved or at minimum oil & chipped. Steven Bachman asked Kevin Huber and Chris Noll to look at a plan to pave dirt roads and to talk to Becky Bradley from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission about getting funding to fix and pave the dirt roads. Carl Breininger asked how many miles of dirt roads are in the Township. Kevin Huber replied 11 miles.

Public Comment:

Jan Sutermeister commented that Swim NL has had their 501C3 status approved. They can now accept tax deductible donations towards a community pool.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by Steven Bachman to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors