

February 18, 2021

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30 pm via Zoom (remote meeting due to a winter storm). Present were Supervisors Steven Bachman, David Fink and Jonathan Jakum, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers, and Zoning Officer Dawn Didra. Township Solicitor Atty. Charles Waters from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices and Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers, as Township Engineer. Road Superintendent Kevin Huber 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 January 21, 2021 regular monthly meeting: Motion by Jonathan Jakum seconded by David Fink to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 regular monthly meeting with one change the Sanctuary at Haafsville contract amount is \$900.00. Motion carried.

Executive session: None.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft4039– eft4063 and 23236 – 23281 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Special Speaker: Phillips Armstrong, Lehigh County Executive – Executive Armstrong highlighted the work that Lehigh County and the commissioners were doing. He spoke with the Secretary of State requesting county-wide infrastructure funding. Discussion ensued about the Buckery Road bridge replacement project, repairs needed on Mantz Road bridge and also the need for more fire company volunteers.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report.

Fire Company: David Fink and Jay Scheffler gave their reports. Jay Scheffler said the downstairs is being renovated and voting will need to be upstairs in future elections. Jay inquired if the county needs to inspect or approve the new location. Jay also discussed working to integrate the fire company radios with the township road crew radios so they can communicate directly during an emergency. Jay suggested the EMC helps to work on this issue.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report. She completed her first NIMS class.

Ambulance Service: Steve Bachman read from the NOVA report.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report. Donation packets for local businesses are available.

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. Kevin Huber will give the Board 3 proposals for uniforms.

Road Superintendent: No report.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report.

Township Zoning Officer: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Township Engineer: Chris Noll gave his report. He met onsite with Kevin Huber and George White from JHA to discuss Waterloo Ridge road improvements.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Township Solicitor: No report.

Subdivision and Land Development:

Rebecca & Jack Schoch – Furnace Road- Minor Subdivision: request for waiver from SALDO review requirements. Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve waiver request and to allow Washington Township to review and approve the plan and to request 3 final signed recorded plans for our township files. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Buckery Road bridge status. Dawn Didra, Janice Meyers and Chris Noll updated the board on possible funding opportunities they are looking into. Chris Noll reported work on the preliminary design is near completion.

Hunters Hill Road drainage status: On hold, waiting for response from owner.

Signage for doors of Township Vehicles: Jonathan Jakum will work on the graphic. Kevin Huber in the process of getting the sign sizes and quantities.

LTL Consultants itemized fee schedule: Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to appoint LTL as alternate building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical inspector if it is clarified there are no additional fees for milage. Motion carried.

Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance: Atty. Charles Waters to look into the ordinance for next meeting.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Bruce Zellner commented with his support in enforcing the no parking issue on Jones Road.

Jan Sutemeister reported that Northwest Swim & Filtness plans on holding “a day at the lake” at Leaser Lake on May 22 with various activities..

Jay Scheffler requested new signage at the split in the road to warn drivers of no winter maintenance on Bake Oven Road leading to the Bake Oven Knob.

Teena Bailey commented that the Annual RPA Clean Sweep is canceled due to Covid.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors