

March 18, 2021

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30 pm both in-person at the municipal building and via Zoom, Present were Supervisors Steven Bachman, David Fink and Jonathan Jakum, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers (via Zoom), 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: Art Swallow asked about the Fenstermacher Road item on the agenda. He has been hired by David Masters to work on this and he will be able to answer questions when that agenda item is discussed.

Approve minutes of the February 18, 2021 regular monthly meeting: Motion by Jonathan Jakum seconded by David Fink to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

Executive session: Steven Bachman, Jonathan Jakum, David Fink, Charles Waters and Janice Meyers (viz speaker phone) met in executive session to discuss employee matters from 7:31pm to 7:35pm.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft4064– eft4090 and 23282 – 23313 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

#### Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report.

Fire Company: David Fink and Jay Scheffler gave their reports. Jay Scheffler thanked the Board members who were able to come to the awards ceremony. David Fink was able to swear in the Fire Police who were at the ceremony. Jay said the new air packs arrived and thanked the board again for using some of the Cares Act funds to purchase them.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Ambulance Service: Kristie Wilk gave the NOVA report. Diane Huber (via Zoom) gave her update.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report. Opening ceremony set for November 11, 2021.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: No 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: Chris Noll gave his report.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Township Solicitor: No report.

Subdivision and Land Development:

5182 Mountain Road – Minor Subdivision – Preliminary: Art Swallow represented the plan. Board reviewed KCE letter dated 2/5/21: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to waive item #2 and #8 regarding the dedication of right of way on the state road, SALDO 23.303.3.H.1. Motion carried. The Board agreed a PennDOT would be required before the signing of a final plan. Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the preliminary plan dated 1/11/21 dependent upon the conditions of Township Engineer Chris Noll's letter dated 2/5/21. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Buckery Road bridge status. Chris Noll confirmed that there will be no Dirt and Gravel Road Program monies available for at least 2 years. Chris Noll reported work on the preliminary design is near completion. Janice Meyers is working with Senator Brown's office on the multi-modal grant that should be able to help with funding for the bridge replacement.

Hunters Hill Road drainage status: Charles Waters said the agreement was signed by the property owner. Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the easement agreement as written. Motion carried.

Signage for doors of Township Vehicles: Tabled

Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance: Atty. Charles Waters to look into doing a resolution vs. ordinance.

Road crew uniforms: Tabled

New Business:

Resident David Trexler to address the Board regarding conditions on Mantz Road: Mr. Trexler requested that speed limit signs be posted on Trexler Road. The Board agreed to have Kevin Huber conduct a study to determine the speed limit that should be posted. LTAP may assist.

ECCO Communications discussion re: township and fire company radios: Jay Scheffler introduced George from ECCO and he discussed the current radios the township and fire company have. He then discussed several options and the pros and cons of each. Dawn Didra asked that options with pricing be put together so the board can compare them. Janice Meyers and Atty. Waters will verify that the cell tower agreement allows the township to add antennas with no rental fees.

Resolution #2021-10 Approving the change of indirect control of the franchisee (RCN Telecom) under the Heidelberg Township cable television franchise: Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt resolution #2021-10. Motion carried.

Resolution #2021-11 appointment of building inspector LTL Consultants Ltd.: Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt resolution #2021-11. Motion carried.

Resolution #2021-12 updating the township fee schedule for 2021: Motion by Jonathan Jakum seconded by David Fink to adopt resolution #2021-12. Motion carried.

Fenstermacher Road requested change: Art Swallow gave a brief background on the request by David Masters for the Township to accept a driveway he had constructed as part of Fenstermacher Road and vacate a section of Fenstermacher Road that goes in front of his house. Chris Noll will work with the owner, Mr. Swallow and Janice Meyers on the history of this request and any permits that may have been obtained.

Accept oath from current roster of special fire police: Motion by David Fink seconded by Steven Bachman to accept the oath from the current roster of special fire police. Motion carried. Jay will get the copies to Janice Meyers for Steve Bachman as chair to sign.

Public Comment:

Jay Scheffler asked if Janice Meyers can get him a copy of the original fee schedule that was provided when the fire company reimbursement ordinance was adopted. Jay will update it and get it back to Janice.

Jay Scheffler also commented that a Knox box needs to be installed at 6305 Rt. 309.

David Trexler asked about the second amendment sanctuary ordinance.

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

Correspondence:

David Fink commented that a letter from Jeanett Turner regarding butterflies should go the EAC.

David Fink said the letter from AMS will be discussed when the supervisors do their road survey.

Jan Sutemeister commented that Northwestern Swim & Fitness will be having a day at the lake May 22 and people can register on the website.

Adjournment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers  
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors