

April 15, 2021

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30pm 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 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. Zoning Officer Dawn Didra was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: None

Recognition of members of the press: None

Public comment on agenda items: None

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

Executive session: Steven Bachman, Jonathan Jakum, David Fink, Charles Waters and Janice Meyers met in executive session to discuss employee matters from 7:31pm to 7:35pm. Executive session also held on March 26, 2021 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm with Steve Bachman, David Fink and Janice Meyers present and Atty. John Audi via Zoom to discuss employee matters.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft4091– eft4116 and 23314 – 23376 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 will contact Dawn Didra about gaining access to farm ponds by creating stone access roads.

Emergency Management Coordinator: In Dawn Didra's absence, Steve Bachman read from her report.

Ambulance Service: Diane Huber gave her report.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report. Opening ceremony moved to 2022. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathon Jakum to place a half page advertisement in the memorial booklet for \$500. Motion carried. Steve will give Janice the form to complete.

Director of Office Operations: No report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steve Bachman gave his report. Night in the Country will be held this year.

Director of Public Works: David Fink gave his report. The annual road inspection was completed. The Board decided the major road projects are portions of Saegersville Road will be stabilized and Krause Road will be paved.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report.

Township Zoning Officer: In Dawn Didra's absence, Steve Bachman read from her report.

Township Engineer: Chris Noll gave his report. Hunters Hill Road drainage issue will be resolved.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: Jonathan Jakum reported that the scholarship applications were received and a student was selected to receive the scholarship.

Township Solicitor: No report.

Subdivision and Land Development: None

Unfinished Business:

Signage for doors of Township Vehicles: Tabled.

Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution: Motion by Steve Bachman, seconded by David Fink to adopt Resolution #2021-14 – Declaring that Heidelberg Township shall be known as a second amendment sanctuary. Motion carried.

Road crew uniforms: Tabled. Kevin Huber will have cost estimates next month.

Township radio upgrade status: Janice Meyers reported that the township may attach antennas to the cell tower on Central Road at no charge but must comply with the agreement clauses. Kevin Huber spoke with George from ECCO Communications about the new cellular radios. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Steve Bachman to recommend the trial use of cellular radios for the road crew from ECCO Communications. Motion carried.

Fenstermacher road requested change: The Board agreed to accept David Master's proposal to make the driveway he built part of Fenstermacher Road and vacate a section of Fenstermacher Road but with specific conditions. Chris Noll will outline the conditions for the Board to review.

David Trexler's issue with speeding on Mantz Road: Last month David Trexler asked the Board to have the speed limit reduced on Mantz Road. Kevin Huber will contact LTAP about having a traffic study done.

New Business:

Joint road oil bid: Lynn Township did the joint bidding this year. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to accept low bid for the joint road oil bid from Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. for \$1.976 per gallon for 30,000 +/- gallons. Motion carried. The only other bidder was Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC for \$2.10 per gallon.

Resolution #2021-13 – Approve Township Administrator as signatory for 2021 Keystone Community Program Grant. Motion by Steve Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2021-13. Motion carried.

Stray Dog Problem: Steve Bachman mentioned the stray dog problem near Knott Court. The dogs are running in packs of 2 or more and may be vicious at times. He is aware the township has no oversight concerning dogs but wanted to make the Board aware of the issue. David Fink said the Department of Agriculture governs the PA dog laws. If contacting the state dog law enforcement officer does not solve the problem, the constable needs to be contacted. There is a process the complainant must go through. Fines may be charged to the dog owner.

Public Comment:

Motion by Steve Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to purchase through Municibid a sweeper not to exceed \$7,000. Motion carried. Motion by Steve Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to place the current sweeper on Municibid to sell. Motion carried.

Jay Scheffler stated concerns about the poor condition of Saegersville Road between Memorial and Church Roads. The Board requested Janice Meyers to write a letter to PennDOT and copy in Gary Day. Steve Bachman requested a letter be sent to PennDOT regarding the condition of Northwest Road at Route 309. The Board agreed.

Jay Scheffler requested flip signs be placed on roads at key locations stating a burn ban is in place. Kevin Huber will get prices for these signs.

Jan Sutermeister said that Northwest Swim and Fitness will be holding a Day at the Lake at Leaser Lake on May 22nd. Register on their website. Limited number of participants will be allowed.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors