

October 21, 2021

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30pm both in-person at the Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli PA 18066 and via Zoom. Present were Supervisors Steven Bachman, Jonathan Jakum and David Fink, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: Sarit Laschinski

Recognition of members of the press: Sarit Laschinski (in-person) and Bernadette Sukley (via Zoom) of the Northwestern Press

Public comment on agenda items: None

Hearing: Pollutant Reduction Plan – Hearing opened for comments at 7:35. No public comments were made. The PRP will be on the November meeting agenda for approval when the advertised comment period ends. Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to close the hearing at 7:38pm. Motion carried.

Approve minutes of the September 16, 2021 regular monthly meeting and budget meeting: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2021 budget and regular monthly meeting. 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 # eft4264– eft4303 and 23589 – 23727 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Jay Scheffler gave his report.

Fire Company: Jay Scheffler gave his report.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Ambulance Service: Steven Bachman read from the September report.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

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

Public Works Manager: Supervisors authorized Kevin and David to look for and purchase a replacement sweeper and to look for used equipment to replace the Stirling dump truck and boom mower.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his 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: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Township Solicitor: No report. This will be Atty. Waters last township meeting. The Board thanked him for all his over 20 years of service to the township and wished him well in his retirement. He will be missed.

Subdivision and Land Development: None

Unfinished Business:

Advertisement for the Veterans Memorial booklet status: Jonathan will send the final draft to Steve for the advertisement.

Holding Tank fee schedule, cash escrow and improvements agreement: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to Adopt Resolution #2021-27 – Holding Tank Agreement with Heidelberg Game Protective Association and Resolution #2021-28 – Holding Tank Agreement with Peter H. Knight Irrevocable Trust after adding the property address to each. Motion carried.

Improvements agreement for Heidelberg Heights Road by Waterloo Ridge developer: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adopt Resolution #2021-29 – Improvements Agreement for Heidelberg Heights Road with Waterloo Ridge developer.

New Business:

Discuss transfer of acreage to Northwestern Recreation Commission: David Fink will take a look at the potato barn to see if the township should purchase it from the recreation commission. Kevin Huber added that maybe the HLLW COG wants it to store its equipment. Table discussion until November.

2022 proposed budget comments: Steve Bachman noted that the Board is discussing raising the fire tax by 0.1 mill. The 2022 fire tax millage would be 0.5 mills.

Tree Lighting Ceremony – sponsor tree stand: Motion by Steven Bachman seconded by David Fink to donate a tree stand for a cost up to \$150.00. Motion carried.

Capital Equipment Purchase: discussed during Public Works Director's report.

Open Space Preservation Funds to Lehigh County Farm Preservation Board: There is a 26 acre parcel in Heidelberg Township that may be on the schedule to be preserved in 2022. If Heidelberg Township is willing to dedicate \$15-20,000 from their open space fund it will secure the preservation of this parcel. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to dedicate up to \$20,000 from the open space fund for farmland preservation. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jay Scheffler commented that the Germansville Fire Company will be having an open house & Trick or Treat event October 30 from 4-8pm.

Steven Bachman commented that he talked to other townships about the stipend for fire fighters. Weisenberg pays this from the fire tax. Lowhill does not define a donation. Lynn donates a set amount. The Board decided to double the stipend to \$10, 15, and 20.

Correspondence:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors