

December 16, 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. Keith Strohl from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices and Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers, as Township Engineer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: Susan Bryant via Zoom.

Recognition of members of the press: Susan Bryant from Northwestern Press via Zoom.

Public comment on agenda items: None

Approve minutes of the November 16, 2021 regular monthly meeting and budget meeting: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 budget and regular monthly meeting with one change to the regular minutes – Lowhill Township will pay the fire company \$1,000 per call. 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 # eft4332 – eft4359 and 23667 – 23701 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report.

Fire Company: Jay Scheffler gave his report.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Ambulance Service: Dianne Huber via Zoom gave her report, Steven Bachman read from the October and November monthly reports.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report. Steve asked the Board if the Township office can keep coins on hand to sell for \$20.00 each. The Board agreed this would be ok.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

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

Public Works Manager: David Fink gave his report.

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: No report.

Township Solicitor: Atty. Keith Strohl gave his report. Atty. Justin Schell was in attendance. He is manning the Schnecksville office since Atty. Waters retirement. He will be covering the township meetings from time to time.

Subdivision and Land Development: None

Unfinished Business:

Discuss transfer of acreage to Northwestern Recreation Commission: Tabled until February's meeting.

Discuss Buckery Road bridge project status. Still looking for funding.

New Business:

Resolution #2021-30 – Acknowledging Municipal Partnership Between Lehigh County and Heidelberg Township For the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements in 2022. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2021-30. Motion carried.

Resolution #2021-31 – Adopt tax levy for the year 2022. Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt resolution #2021-31. Motion carried. General purposes tax remains at 1.0 mils. Fire tax increased by 0.1 mil, for a total of 0.5 mils.

Resolution #2021-32 To Adopt budget for the year 2022. Motion by Jonathan Jakum seconded by David Fink to adopt resolution #2021-32. Motion carried.

Township policy for employee time off due to Covid-19 quarantine. The Board asked Dawn to look into purchasing at home covid tests for the employees and suggestions for a Covid policy.

Advertise re-organization meeting for Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:30pm and auditor's re-organization meeting for Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 1:00pm. The Board agreed to advertise.

Public Comment:

Comment by Jay Scheffler that the fire hydrants in Heidelberg Heights need no parking signs to help combat the issue of people parking in front of or near the fire hydrants.

Kevin Huber noted that the LCA contractor did not notify the township about the work being done on Thompson and Lake View Streets. Chris Noll will check if the LCA will be paving the roads after the work is completed.

Correspondence:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors