

May 19, 2022

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 (via Zoom), Jonathan Jakum and David Fink, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers, Road Superintendent Kevin Huber, Zoning Officer Dawn Didra, Township Solicitor Atty. Keith Strohl from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices and Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers (via Zoom), as Township Engineer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: None

Recognition of members of the press: None

Public comment on agenda items: None

Approve minutes of the April 21, 2022 hearing and regular monthly meeting: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 hearing 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 # eft4489 – eft4519 and 23897 – 23944 and State Fund check 1732. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report.

Fire Company: David Fink and Jay Scheffler gave reports. The Board agreed no burning ban signage on the roads are necessary. Place burn ban notice on the township sign and website.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Ambulance Service: Steve Bachman read the NOVA report.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: No report.

Public Works Manager: David Fink gave his report. David is looking into alternate air filtration type systems.

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. Chris will soon have the model solar farm ordinance for Board review.

Environmental Advisory Council: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Township Solicitor: Atty. Keith Strohl gave his report.

Subdivision and Land Development: None.

Unfinished Business:

Status of transfer of acreage to Northwestern Recreation Commission: No update.

Review of biosolids resolution requested by Plainfield Township, Northampton County: Keith Strohl does not recommend doing anything with this because it is federally regulated which supersedes any municipal regulations. Remove from the agenda.

Farmland preservation tax: David Fink recommends calling it open space tax. After some discussion, the Board decided to put this on hold until the economy turns around.

Review ADT system contract and smoke detectors, heat sensors, carbon monoxide detectors: Tabled.

Resolution #2022-18 – Adopting revised Heidelberg Township Emergency Operation Plan (EOP): Motion by David Fink and seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2022-18. Motion carried.

Air Filtration System discussion: Discussed during Public Works Manager report.

New Business:

Resolution #2022-19 Open fire escrow account at New Tripoli Bank for Reservoir Road property: Motion by David Fink and seconded by Steven Bachman to adopt Resolution #2022-19. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-20 Supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA): Motion by Jonathan Jakum and seconded by Steven Bachman. Motion carried.

Exoneration of 2020 and 2021 taxes for mobile home removed from 5752 Pfeiffer Circle property. Motion by David Fink and seconded by Steven Bachman. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ulrich Road property owners Stephen Pribanich and Brandon Williams discussed issues with speeding on the dirt road. Motion by Jonathan Jakum and seconded by David Fink to have Kevin Huber conduct a speed study on Ulrich Road. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

PennDot 4/28/22 email regarding commenting on the SR309 bridge over tributary to Jordan Creek. Chris Noll will review and comment to PennDOT if necessary.

Adjournment:

Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors