

July 21, 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, Jonathan Jakum and David Fink, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers, 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. Zoning Officer Dawn Didra was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: None

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

Public comment on agenda items: None

Approve minutes of the June 16, 2022 regular monthly meeting: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

Executive session: From 7:20-7:29pm Steve Bachman, David Fink, Jonathan Jakum, Kevin Huber, Janice Meyers and Atty. Keith Strohl held an executive session to discuss employee matters, property purchase and possible legal matters.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft4549 – eft4578 and 23998 – 24032 and State Fund check 1734 - 1736. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report.

Fire Company: David Fink and Jay Scheffler gave reports. A new truck which will be used as a QRS vehicle was purchased using firemen's relief funding.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra had left her report for the Board.

Ambulance Service: No report.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report. Kevin Huber was asked to verify the township personnel time and the truck usage as in-kind service to this project.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steve Bachman gave his report. The Board agreed the road crew should change their hours and/or days worked the week of Night in the Country so if needed they could help on Friday. No overtime should be accumulated this week.

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 left her report for the Board.

Township Engineer: Chris Noll gave his report and stated the Jones Road survey is near completion.

Environmental Advisory Council: No report.

Township Solicitor: Atty. Keith Strohl reported on the PUC regulations governing commercial solar farms and how they relate to townships. The Board asked the he review the Lynn Township's proposed ordinance.

Subdivision and Land Development:

Mike Houston from Arthur Swallow and Associates had requested the review of the 5182 Mountain Road subdivision discussed at the planning commission meeting be removed from the agenda.

Unfinished Business:

Status of transfer of acreage to Northwestern Recreation Commission: Tabled. The NWRC is still reviewing the proposal.

Review ADT system contract and smoke detectors, heat sensors, carbon monoxide detectors: Tabled. David Fink will contact Alert Security with some questions regarding their proposal.

Air Filtration System status: Janice Meyers contacted DCED regarding using the grant for purchase and installation of the Fume-A-Vent system. Kristie Yerger from DCED said using the grant for this system for the township should be allowed under the grant contract. She asked for more detailed information not provided on the quote to make a final decision and also to see if a system could be purchased for the fire company. David Fink will provide Janice with more information.

New Business:

Resident Mark Szoke to discuss Church Road between Mountain and Reservoir Roads speed limit: Mr. Szoke presented his concerns to the Board and asked that a speed limit of 40 mph be posted for a section of Church Road allowing him to get a driveway permit. Other sections of Church Road are already posted. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to have Kevin Huber do a running speed study for this section of Church Road. Motion carried.

Bridges: David Fink said that Bachman Road bridge had subsided and the road crew fixed the problem. After discussion, motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to use the ARPA funds for the replacement of Buckery Road bridge and authorize Keystone Consulting Engineers to write the bid document. Motion carried.

Road crew employment: Employee Jonathan Pasieka gave his notice of resignation from the township employment. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to accept Jonathan Pasieka's resignation as of 7/31/22. Motion carried. Applications for a fulltime road crew worker were received. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to hire Todd Reichard as a fulltime road worker at \$24.50 per hour starting date of 7/25/22. Motion carried.

Cell phone reimbursement: Janice Meyers requested for monthly cell phone reimbursement for the use of her personal cell phone for township business similar to what Kevin Huber and Dawn Didra receive. After discussion the Board asked Jonathan Jakum to look into the request and report back at the next meeting.

Resolution #2022-22 – release funds for farmland preservation and designate signatory: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2022-22. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-23 – adopt the revised Heidelberg Township Non-Uniform Employee Pension Plan document: Motion by Steve Bachman, seconded by David Fink to adopt Resolution #2022-23. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Resident Bruce Zellner asked when the Children at Play signs he purchased and gave to the township would be installed on Jones Road as approved at June's meeting. Kevin Huber will fit the installation into the work schedule. Mr. Zellner asked that the township look into the issues with the pipe crossing Mountain Road to Jones Road. Kevin Huber was asked to contact PennDOT.

Resident Steve Metzger expressed his continuing concerns regarding the Afghan dogs running loose possibly attacking more animals and people. He asks that the township strengthen their ordinance if possible. The Board requested Atty. Strohl to research what the township may do regarding this issue.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors