

August 18, 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, Zoning Officer Dawn Didra, Township Solicitor Atty. Keith Strohl from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices and Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers as Township Engineer. Road Superintendent Kevin Huber was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: None

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

Public comment on agenda items: None

Approve minutes of the July 21, 2022 regular monthly meeting: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022 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 # eft4579 – eft4608 and 24033 – 24064 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: No report.

Fire Company: David Fink and Jay Scheffler gave reports.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Ambulance Service: No report.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by David Fink to add a line item to the budget for the Veterans Memorial. Motion carried.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

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

Public Works Manager: David Fink gave his report. The Board agreed Janice Meyers should send a letter to Verizon concerning the low lines hanging across Memorial Road about an eighth of a mile from the end of Memorial Road and state that if the lines are not fixed within 30 days that the township will remove the lines.

Road Superintendent: No report

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report.

Township Zoning Officer: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Township Engineer: Chris Noll gave his report. David Fink will meet with Chris about the surveying on Jones Road. Janice Meyers asked about the MS4 ordinance that is supposed to be adopted by September 30, 2022. Chris said that he spoke with Ben Bowen and that a draft ordinance will be ready for review in the next month. Chris said the annual MS4 report submission to DEP should suffice for now.

Environmental Advisory Council: No report.

Township Solicitor: Atty. Keith Strohl reported on the limited options for changing our ordinances regarding unleashed dogs and kennels.

Subdivision and Land Development:

None

Unfinished Business:

Kermit Delong to speak with the Board regarding the drainage issue on Long Court: Mr. Delong left after the Zoning Officer report as his issues were addressed during that report.

Status of transfer of acreage to Northwestern Recreation Commission: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve sale of acreage to Northwestern Recreation Commission as in written agreement. Motion carried.

Review smoke detectors, heat sensors, carbon monoxide detectors quote: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to accept proposal from Alert Security. Motion carried.

Air Filtration System status: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to accept the quote from Fume-A-Vent using the air filtration grant funds if approved by DCED. Motion carried. Kevin Huber will advise Janice as to the installation and number of units needed. Janice will then submit the details to DCED for a new grant contract.

Cell Phone reimbursement: Reimbursement request withdrawn. Janice Meyers said she will not be using her cell phone for work purposes during business hours. She will use the Zoning Officer's cell phone should she need to get a website code text.

Status of Buckery Road Bridge Replacement: David Fink clarified that the Township will be doing the paving. After reviewing the proposed bid documents David said the bridge width is 24 ft. not the 21 ft. that it was originally thought to be. David is going to check with LVPC regarding the TIP program to see if it qualifies now.

New Business:

Church Road speed study: The speed study determined 45 mph was appropriate. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to post the speed limit on Church Road between Mountain Road and Reservoir Road at 45mph. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-24 – Addition to Agricultural Security Area of 5021 Irvin Road – Bowman – 25.5631 acres: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2022-24. Motion carried.

LCATO Convention attendance: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to authorize same list as the last year. Motion carried.

Veterans Memorial \$15,000 in-kind balance: Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by David Fink to donate the \$9,000 balance of in-kind with a monetary gift to be paid out of 2023 budget with a line item added for it. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jay Scheffler requested that the Township consider paying the monthly fee of \$28 for the Fire Chief to have a radio that will communicate with the road crew directly. The Board said the fire tax should cover this expense.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

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