

October 20, 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, 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 from the Northwestern Press.

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

Public comment on agenda items: None

Approve minutes of the September 15, 2022 regular monthly meeting and budget meeting: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 regular monthly meeting and budget 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 # eft4640 – eft4682 and 24111 – 24153 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: Steven Bachman read from the NOVA monthly report.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report. November 11 there will be a food truck fundraising event at the Ontelaunee Park.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: No report.

Public Works Manager: David Fink gave his report. A new boom mower was finally purchased.

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 noted that Ryan Christman is applying through the LCCD Low Volume Road program for funding for the Buckery Road bridge replacement. The grant could fund up to \$125,000. The MS4 ordinance draft will be included with the annual storm water management report submitted to DEP. The planning commission will be reviewing the proposed ordinance. Chris will

contact Justin Smith at Lynn Township, Kevin Huber and Steve Bachman to coordinate a meeting onsite at the potato barn to decide on the boundaries for the NWRC boundary line change with Heidelberg Township.

Environmental Advisory Council: No report.

Township Solicitor: Atty. Keith Strohl gave his report. He was asked about any recourse the township had when driveway contractors do not apply for a permit for their job but the property owner thinks they did. Atty. Strohl said the ultimate responsibility for applying for a permit is on the property owner. Some township's have an ordinance that requires certain contractors to be licensed by the township to work in the township. The Board asked Dawn Didra and Chris Noll to research this.

#### Subdivision and Land Development:

None

#### Unfinished Business:

Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to add Building Security to the agenda under unfinished business. Motion carried.

Status of Buckery Road Bridge Replacement: discussed during engineer's report.

Draft MS4 ordinance update: discussed during engineer's report.

Building Security: The Board asked Janice Meyers to get a quote from Alert Security to replace the current burglar alarm system from ADT.

#### New Business:

Resolution #2022-27 – Adopt Northern Lehigh Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adopt Resolution #2022-27. Motion carried.

Continued review of 2023 proposed budget: The Board reviewed the proposed budget at the budget meeting and is looking at a tax increase of 0.25 for township general purposes and 0.10 for the fire tax to balance the budget.

Review fire company fuel consumption: Kevin Huber will get details for Janice Meyers for her to bill the fire company.

Request to add land to Agricultural Security Area from Paul & Linda Kovalchik, 312.7492 acres: Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to table the request. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-28 – Directing Real Estate Tax Collectors to implement Act 57 of 2022 provisions: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adopt Resolution #2022-28. Motion carried.

Review of Weisenberg Township animal control ordinance: Tabled.

Sanctuary at Haafsville request for additional funding: The Board decided that since the budgeted monies were spent that any further funding will come from next year's budget. Any additional services provided this year will not be paid by the township.

Tree Lighting Event: Motion by David Fink seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve \$250.00 towards the event. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment:

Chris Noll offered to provide music for 3 hours at no charge during the Veteran's Memorial food truck fund raising event.

Bake Oven Road resident Kristen Minnich discussed her concerns regarding truck traffic on Bake Oven Road. She asked the Board if anything could be done to restrict truck traffic.

Becky Bradley from the LVPC discussed state laws regarding truck traffic and the fact that municipalities cannot circumvent state law.

Bake Oven Road resident Scott Minnich also voiced his concern regarding truck traffic. He also asked if the township zoning allows for warehouses.

Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers  
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors