

January 19, 2023

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 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, as Township Engineer. Supervisor Steven Bachman was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: Susan Bryant from the Northwestern Press.

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

Public comment on agenda items: None

Approve minutes of the December 15, 2022 regular monthly meeting and January 3, 2023 reorganization meeting: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 regular monthly meeting and January 3, 2023 reorganization meeting. Motion carried.

Executive session: None

Payment of bills: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft4711 – eft4744 and 24236 – 24296 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Jay Scheffler reported a meeting will be held next Wednesday at the Weisenberg Fire Company at 7:00pm.

Fire Company: New Tripoli Fire Chief Gary Kuntz Jr. thanked the township, Supervisors, and everyone who stepped up to not only support them, but also to help with planning and making the Memorial Services a fitting tribute. Jay Scheffler gave his report.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Ambulance Service: Tabled until next month.

Veterans Memorial Committee: No report.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: No report.

Director of Public Works: David Fink gave his report.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report. She still needs the dates for the diesel usage to calculate the money owed to the township by the fire company. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to accept the high Muncibid bid for the sale of the 2005 Caterpillar loader for \$60,800. Motion carried.

Township Zoning Officer: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Township Engineer: Chris Noll gave his report.

Environmental Advisory Council: No report.

Township Solicitor: Atty. Keith Strohl gave his report.

Subdivision and Land Development: None.

Status of Buckery Road Bridge Replacement: Chris Noll reported they are waiting for the stream survey. Ryan Christman is ready to go to bid once the survey is received. \$50,000 should be received from the Lehigh County Conservation District through the Dirt & Gravel Roads and Low Volume Roads grant program.

Building Security: Tabled.

Review of Weisenberg Township animal control ordinance: Tabled.

Status of NWRC lot line adjustment: Chris Noll said the surveying will be done and a plan submitted to the township for Board's review and to the NWRC for their Board's review.

Driveway ordinance change – require contractors to be licensed: Chris and Dawn will look into ordinances in other townships. David suggested looking at North Whitehall ordinance.

New Business:

Purchase of iPad and accessories for EMC: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the purchase of an iPad and accessories for EMC use, totaling \$639.20 as invoiced. Motion carried.

Changing from a pooled investment pension plan to individual choice for investments pension plan: Tabled.

Purchase of township generator: David Fink reported that a company that can fix the generator will be available mid to late February. Kevin Huber will be given the contact information.

Public Comment:

Bruce Zellner commented that Jones Road on the north side does not have a speed limit sign. He requested a 35mph speed limit sign to try and slow people down on that road. Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink for Kevin Huber to post a 35mph speed limit sign on the north side of Jones Road. Motion carried.

Jay Scheffler asked if LCA will be running water to the proposed new homes in the new proposed Heidelberg Heights subdivision. Chris Noll commented that the homes will have wells.

Resident Paulette Bachert requested that the board look into diagonal parking on Heidelberg Heights Road to provide more parking spaces. The Board asked Kevin Huber and Chris Noll to look into this.

Correspondence:

North Whitehall Township request for comments regarding their updated comprehensive plan and recreation plan: The Board has no comments.

Adjournment:

Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors