

February 16, 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 Steven Bachman, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers, Road Superintendent Kevin Huber, Zoning Officer Dawn Didra via Zoom, Township Solicitor Atty. Keith Strohl from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices and Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers, as Township Engineer. Supervisor David Fink 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 January 19, 2023 regular monthly meeting: Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

Executive session: Steven Bachman, Jonathan Jakum, Kevin Huber, and Attorney Keith Strohl held an executive session regarding personnel matters from 7:32 to 7:38pm.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by Steven Bachman to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft4745 – eft4770 and 24297 – 24339 and no State Fund checks. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Steven Bachman reported the next meeting will be held April 19 at the Weisenberg Fire Company at 7:00pm.

Fire Company: TJ Stellar, Fire Company President gave his report.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Jonathan Jakum read from Dawn Didra's report. Dawn as EMC requested that Phillip Hobel replace Josh Bingham as deputy EMC. Steven Bachman requested that a letter be sent to Josh Bingham to thank him for his service. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to appoint Phillip Hobel as deputy EMC. Motion carried.

Ambulance Service: Steven Bachman read from NOVA's December 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.

Director of Public Works: No report.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report.

Township Administrator: Janice Meyers gave her report.

Township Zoning Officer: Jonathan Jakum read from Dawn Didra's 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.

Unfinished Business:

Status of Buckery Road Bridge Replacement: Chris Noll reported they are ready to go, just looking for more money.

Building Security: Working on getting a quote. ADT is unresponsive to questions.

Review of Weisenberg Township animal control ordinance: Atty. Strohl is drafting changes.

Status of NWRC lot line adjustment: Dean Zimmerman, KCE is finalizing draft plans for review.

Driveway ordinance change – require contractors to be licensed: Chris is researching other township ordinances for something similar.

Changing from a pooled investment pension plan to individual choice for investments pension plan: Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to change from pooled investment pension plan to individual choice and have Kampstra Wealth Management start the process. Motion carried.

New Business:

Feasibility of Heidelberg Heights Road diagonal parking: Chris Noll looked into it and because it could only be done on one side of the road, there would be no advantage to changing the parking. Herman Street and part of Heidelberg Heights Road would need to be one-way traffic only. Any additional parking spaces gained would not out weight the traffic and safety issues that would be created. The Board asked that a letter be sent to Paulette Bachert, the resident that requested this information.

Accept auditor resignation and appoint new auditor: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by Steven Bachman to accept Sidney German's resignation as township auditor effective immediately. Motion carried. Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by Steven Bachman to adopt resolution 2023-11 - appointing Susan Zellner as township auditor. Motion carried.

Request for addition to township's Agricultural Security Area from William and Cheryl Ash, 5976 Dogwood Drive, 25.11 acres. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to table the request. Motion carried.

Exoneration of real estate taxes for tax year 2021: 5755 Pfeiffer Circle – mobile home only, parcel 10 554004006797 29-1. Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by Steven Bachman to exonerate this mobile home only from the township 2021 taxes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Bruce Zellner asked when the speed limit signs will be put up. Kevin Huber replied that they will be put up once the signs are received.

Correspondence:

Lynn Township Board of Supervisors thank you letter was reviewed.

Adjournment:

Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors