

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 23, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of North Heidelberg Township was called to order at 7:00 P.M. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed. Supervisors present were Chairman Mitch Wolfe, Supervisor David Pool, and Supervisor Robert Klinger. Also in attendance were Township Solicitor Chris Hartman, Township Engineer Ryan Rhode, Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the January 26, 2022 BOS meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – The treasurer’s report was provided for review. Resident John Kalbach wanted to know what the \$20,000 capital expense was for. It was explained that the balloon payment for the John Deere was due and is now paid in full. Resident Walter Stewart wanted to know how much of the ARP funds were included in the General Account. Secretary Taatjes explained that it is approximately \$65,000 and a separate account is being set up for the funds. Chairman Wolfe made a motion that the treasurer’s report be accepted as submitted subject to audit. Supervisor Klinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – None

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report for January was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. The county audit has been completed. Sitting hours for April were reviewed. Millage rates remained the same for both the county and the Township.

Correspondence -

- a. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to prepare a letter of support for Western Berks Ambulance to seek additional funds through the American Rescue Plan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.
- b. The Township received a letter from the CWHS seeking a donation for the 2022 graduation party. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to decline making a donation. Motion carried.
- c. The Auditors Reorganization meeting was held on January 4, 2022. The Roadmaster’s pay has been set at \$23.00 an hour for 2022. Chairman Swanson expressed his concerns over the quality of the report prepared by the previous accountant for the 2020 audit. The Township is currently being audited for 2021. It was suggested that the auditors concerns be shared with the current accountant.

Planning Commission – The North Heidelberg PC meeting scheduled for February 17, 2022 was cancelled.

- a. The Joint PC met on February 17, 2022 and unanimously voted to approve the ordinance to provide for solar farms as a special exception use in HC, LI, and GI zoning districts.

Kraft Code Services Report-

- a. A complaint was received concerning the property at 239 Lamms Mill Rd. A site visit was made by Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant. It was his opinion that the roof was in gross disrepair. However, he was unable to see the interior of the property or meet with the homeowner. He was also unable to determine if the home is currently occupied. The Township does not have a property maintenance code to enforce and is thereby unable to take any action to condemn the property. It was recommended that the Township send a letter to the homeowner addressing the complaint.
- b. The Township tabled a vote to install guide rail on Hill View Rd at last month's meeting. In addition to installing guide rail, the LTAP report recommended installing signage, delineators and making improvements to the shoulder. It was suggested at the last meeting that wooden guide rails be installed, however, after further research, it was noted that wooden guide rails are not PennDOT approved. It is Solicitor Hartman's recommendation that the Township follow the recommendations in the LTAP report to reduce future injury and liability.

The Township will install a curve ahead sign with an advisory speed and work with Engineer Rhode to fix the shoulder and stabilize the road. Once the roadwork is completed, the Township will look into installing used guide rail if possible to save cost. There was a discussion about other areas within the township, most notably Station Rd. that may also need guide rail.

Road Report-

- a. Craig Clark will work with Engineer Rhode to see what work needs to be done to address the underground spring at Orchard Place. The blade was replaced on the International. Roadmaster Klinger will talk to Texas Eastern about patching.

A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to have a section of Milestone cored to see if it would be eligible for road recycling.

Old Business-

- a. A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to donate \$1 per capita to the Robeson Library for 2022. Motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to give a onetime bonus payment of \$2 per hour for hours worked during the qualifying period of COVID -19 to Craig Clark, Tanya Taatjes, and Kloma Kalbach. Motion carried. Resident Jim Tomanelli suggested buying a new mower with the ARP funds. Roadmaster Klinger will look into getting estimates.

New Business- None

Solicitor- None

Public Comment- Resident Walter Stewart wanted to know if and what items were sampled as part of the audit.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 7:00PM.

Bills- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to pay bills and adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. LuAnn Wolfe
2. Jim Tomanelli
3. Randy Lutz
4. Russell Getz
5. John Kissling
6. John Kalbach
7. Kloma Kalbach
8. Walter Stewart
9. Dave Hopkins
10. Jeff Schatz
11. MT Clements, MD
12. Sharon Gruber
13. Brian Swanson
14. John & Caitlyn Gibbel
15. Jeff Schlaybach
16. John Kissling
17. ?

