

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 27, 2021

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 Chris Hartman, Township Solicitor, Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, Ryan Rhode, Kraft Engineering, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the December 23, 2020 BOS meeting and the minutes from the January 4, 2021 Reorganization meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – The treasurer’s report was provided for review. 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 was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. The Conrad Weiser School District has extended payments on per capita bills until January 20, 2021 due to delays with the postal services. All of the tax records have been closed out for 2020. The 2020 yearend report was reviewed.

Correspondence - None

Planning Commission –. The PC meeting scheduled for January 21, 2021 was canceled.

Joint Planning Commission- The Western Berks Regional Planning Commission met on January 21, 2021. Four different Amendments were added to the Joint Zoning Ordinance, including adding Marion Township as a participant. Copies will be available for review with the Township Secretary.

Kraft Code Services Report- Jeff Fiant has been in contact with May Blatt regarding the solar panel projects on Old Church Rd. He has emailed and left messages for the contractor and homeowner. However, it is believed that a new contractor has been hired to finish the work, but no amendments have been made to the permits filed. It is Mr. Fiant’s belief that the property owner is in noncompliance of the setbacks required. Solicitor Hartman recommended issuing a cease and desist which will be effective upon issuance. The cease and desist will allow the homeowner approximately 5-7 days to correct the error(s). If they are not corrected within the timeframe allowed, a notice of violation will be given. If the issues are not corrected within the timeframe given after the notice of violation, the Township could then turn it over to the district justice. It was further noted that the property owner is the responsible party, not the contractor.

Mr. Fiant has not had the opportunity to address the Heidel Rd 4 wheeler complaint.

Road Report- Roadmaster Klinger would like to purchase approximately 20-25 more pipes to mark culverts. The work on the cul-de-sac on Stump Lane has been completed. There is concern with the Sterling and rust. Resident Jeff Schatz suggested getting an estimate to weld it and replace with steel.

Old Business- None

New Business-

- a. The Auditors Reorganization meeting was held on January 5th, 2021. Minutes are available. The role of the auditors is to set the rate of compensation for any working supervisors.

Solicitor- None

Action Items

- a. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to authorize advertising of bids for Phase 1 of the North Hill Road project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried. Chairman Wolfe is now certified for the Dirt and Gravel Program.
- b. The Township received an Agricultural Security Area application from Alice Deanin. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to accept the application and authorize advertising the application. Motion carried. Solicitor Hartman briefly explained the process.

Public Comment- Walter Stewart thanked Chairman Wolfe and Supervisor Pool for recently inspecting the water on North Hill Rd. Engineer Rhodes explained that Phase 1 of the North Hill Rd project would address the drainage. The complaint received by the Township from Mr. Stewart has been reviewed and will be discussed further in the executive session. There was also a question regarding setbacks for septic. Jeff Fiant explained that the septic system can be placed all the way up to the property line. If the septic were to fail, the SEO would be the point of contact.

Supervisor Klinger questioned wires that may be in the Township right of way and whether or not a permit is required. Solicitor Hartman suggested that if the wires are not interfering with the use and maintenance of the public road, to leave them alone.

Fire Chief John Kissling explained the run card changes in response to Mt Pleasant Fire Chief Burkey's complaint regarding emergency response between the different fire companies. He will be meeting with Chief Burkey to address his complaint. It was further explained that residents are free to donate to any fire company and that the Township still disperses the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax equally between the 3 fire companies. It was agreed that the run cards will remain as they are. Any questions can be directed to Chief Kissling.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday February 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

An executive session was called at approximately 7:45 PM to discuss possible pending litigation.

Bills- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to pay bills and adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Walter Stewart
2. Kloma Kalbach
3. Russell Getz
4. Sharon Gruber
5. John Kalbach
6. LuAnnWolfe
7. Jeff Schlaybach
8. David Hopkins
9. John Kissling
10. Jim Tomanelli
11. Ken Kiebach
12. Laura Scheetz
13. JD Lange, Jr
14. Jeff Schatz
15. Derek Kissling