

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 23, 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 Township Solicitor Chris Hartman, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 27, 2021 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 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 Pool 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.

Correspondence -

- a. The case of the Commonwealth v. Harold Hoch has been rescheduled to November 30, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Planning Commission – The November 18, 2021 PC meeting was canceled. The Joint PC will meet on November 30, 2021 at the Robesonia Borough Hall at 7:00 P.M. to discuss and vote on the proposed zoning amendments to designate convenience stores with fuel pumps within the Borough of Robesonia, North Heidelberg Townships recommendation to change the minimum lot area for multi-family use within MDR from 10,000 square feet to 7,500 square feet and a request to rezone an existing area in Heidelberg Township currently zoned AP to MDR. A quorum will be needed from each municipality to vote on the proposed changes.

Kraft Code Services Report- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to authorize Engineer Rhode to prepare a bid form for the guide rail work recommended by LTAP along Hill View Rd. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried. The impacted homeowner will be notified.

Road Report-

- a. The 2022 Ford F-600 has been ordered. The concrete saw and blades were purchased as well as new tires for the backhoe. There have been numerous complaints about the Christmas Village traffic. A general discussion followed. No action was taken.

Old Business- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to authorize advertisement of the 2022 proposed budget. Motion carried.

New Business- None

Solicitor-

- a. The motion to pass the Dispatch Services Resolution has been tabled pending additional information. Both resident Jeff Schatz and Solicitor Hartman have been unable to obtain the information requested from the county for the amounts invoiced to the Township. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to table the Resolution until the December 22, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. The Township Secretary will reach out to the county as well for the requested information. The Resolution will need to be executed by the end of this year to avoid a 6.5% cost increase.

Action Items- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to add a new item to the agenda for discussion. Motion carried. The Township was notified that Lettich and Zipay will be unable to perform the annual audit moving forward. There was a discussion about the role of the appointed auditors in regards to performing the audit. Resident Walter Stewart expressed his concerns over how the prior two year's audit reports were advertised and the lack of information provided. Other residents expressed concerns over the cost of hiring a CPA. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to authorize advertising for a CPA to prepare the 2021 audit. Supervisor Pool opposed. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Ken Kiebach wanted to know the zoning regulations for solar farms in the Township. There was a general discussion about private solar and industrial solar farms. Jeff Schlaybach mentioned that he has been contacted by a company wanting to place high transmission wires on his property. The Township zoning officer was not present at the meeting to further discuss either item. Mr. Kiebach also questioned the amendment to the JZO for designating convenience stores with fuel pumps within the Borough of Robesonia. The Joint PC will be meeting on November 30, 2021 to vote on the proposed amendment. There has been no update on a traffic light at 183. It was suggested by Solicitor Hartman that the possibility of a light would not be addressed until a plan for the former ski slope is received and moves forward.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

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 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Jim Reazor
2. Jeff Schlaybach
3. Sharon Gruber
4. LuAnn Wolfe
5. Donna Terefenko
6. Russell Getz
7. John Kissling
8. Brian Swanson
9. Kloma Kalbach
10. Walter Stewart
11. Dave Hopkins
12. Jeff Schatz
13. Ken Kiebach