

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 28, 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 Pool, and Supervisor Robert Klinger. Also in attendance were Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, Township Engineer Ryan Rhode, Township Solicitor Chris Hartman and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the March 24, 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 Klinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – None

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report was reviewed by Chairman Wolfe.

Correspondence

- a. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to donate \$100 to the Conrad Weiser Community Pool. Motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to contribute \$100 to CELG (Center for Excellence in Local Government). Motion carried.
- c. A letter was received by the Township from Ernest Gelsinger requesting release of the escrow account currently being held for Gel Bare Farms. A notice of termination has been received from BCCD. The current escrow balance is \$3,608.88. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to release the escrow funds in full and the motion carried.
- d. The Township received the 2021 Liquid Fuels Payment in the amount of \$107,011.14.

Planning Commission – No PC members were present from the March 18, 2021 meeting. Representatives from C2C Design Group had presented a sketch plan titled Reserve at Blue for the former Blue Marsh Ski Area at the meeting. No action was taken.

Kraft Code Services Report- A complaint was received for a trailer on Hill View Road. Jeff Fiant has reached out to the SEO to determine the status of the septic on the property. No inspection or survey has been done for the solar panel project on Old Church Road. Mr. Fiant will follow up on the NOV that was issued to the property owner.

Road Report- The Township is busy cleaning out pipes and gutters. Supervisor Klinger would like to purchase two tires for the Ford 550. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to purchase two new tires. Motion carried. The pothole at Brownsville and

Manbeck Road is being addressed. Township Engineer Rhode explained the process used to determine what qualifies for road repair.

Old Business

- a. Blue Marsh Emergency Management- The Township had received a letter from the BMEMA requesting a \$607 annual contribution. Coordinator James Moyer explained that the agency was looking for funding to purchase new equipment such as phones, laptops, cots and bedding as well as storage but the agency has since decided to table the request and review their needs. The organization is in need of volunteers. A booklet and reports were provided for review in an attempt to be more transparent as to how the money is spent.
- b. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to replace the gutters on the back of the Township building. Motion carried.

New Business- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to advertise for the 2021 roadwork pending PennDOT approval. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to authorize advertising of Phase 2 of the North Hill Road project contingent on receiving the contract from BCCD. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.

Solicitor- None

Action Items- There were no public comments on the proposed addition to the Agricultural Security Area for the 5.431 acre parcel owned by Alice Deanin. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to accept the application as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment- It was noted that a political sign needs to be removed from the ceiling.

Resident Walter Stewart disputes the claim that there is a conflict between him and Supervisor Klinger. Rather, the issue is with the laws and Ordinances of the Township. It is the Township's hope that with the work scheduled for Phase 1, Phase 2, and the blocked pipe on Supervisor Klinger's property being replaced, the water ponding on North Hill Road will be alleviated. Supervisor Klinger stated that the entire length of the pipe is scheduled to be replaced with a newer, larger pipe. The BOS had previously met in executive session to discuss the scope of work for North Hill. No official action was taken during that time. Supervisor Pool suggested that the board improve communication and be more transparent with all residents moving forward.

Chief Kissling provided the yearly report for the Bernville Fire Company. A yearly financial report will be provided to the Township.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

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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 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Jeff Schatz
2. James Moyer
3. Russell Getz
4. Sharon Gruber
5. Ken Kiebach
6. May Blatt
7. Sarah Jones
8. Jeff Schlaybach
9. David Gingerich
10. Roy Oxenreider
11. Tony Oxenreider
12. Walter Stewart
13. LuAnnWolfe
14. John Kissling
15. David Hopkins