

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 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 David Pool, and Supervisor Robert Klinger. Also in attendance were Township Engineer Ryan Rhode, Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant, Solicitor Beth Kohl, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the June 23, 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. The amount paid to Lettich & Zipay was for the 2020 Township audit. The amount paid to PIRMA was for the annual insurance policy. The amount paid to Hatt Legal, LLC was for the Zoning Hearing Board. 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. Sitting hours were reviewed and will be posted. Delinquent tax bills that were not paid by July 1, 2021 have been submitted to tax claim.

Correspondence -

- a. The Township received a thank you letter from the Conrad Weiser Community Pool for its \$100.00 donation.

Planning Commission – The PC met on July 15 to discuss the plan proposed by C2C Design Group on behalf of The Timberline Group. C2C Design Group is seeking to change the current minimum lot area for multi-family use within MDR from 10,000 square feet per unit to 7,500 square feet per unit. A sample text amendment Ordinance was prepared by the Solicitor for review. The PC discussed the sloping analysis which helped determine the buildable space and the current density. The change in density would allow for more units to be built. Currently approximately 122 units could be built. The change would allow for approximately 160 units to be built. They also provided a density comparison of other municipalities in Berks County. Although no application has been received, a motion was made by the PC to recommend to the BOS to consider approval of a density text amendment. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to accept the draft density amendment and send to the BCPC and to Joint Zoning for review. Motion carried.

Resident Annette Guss expressed concerns about the effects that the proposed development will have on the schools, traffic, and how it will impact the adjoining neighbors. It was explained that

a public hearing will be held before the Ordinance is enacted and that the only action taken at this time is to send the draft to both the BCPC and Joint Zoning for review. There were additional questions regarding the infrastructure for water and sewer. This is the only property within the Township that is zoned MDR with water and sewer access. No studies have been shown at this time since this is only the first step in the land development process.

Kraft Code Services Report- Resident Walter Stewart asked Mr. Fiant for an update on the purported pollution on his property from the adjoining property. Mr. Fiant did not have any updates or comments at the time.

Road Report- The estimate to repair the Sterling is over \$35,000. Road master Klinger suggested having the truck inspected and put up for sale. He also suggested replacing it with a smaller dump truck. 4 pipes were replaced on Peacock to prepare for the upcoming road work which is tentatively scheduled for August 14-16. There is no current plan in place to replace the Peacock Bridge. The loader needs 4 new tires. An estimate was provided. It was suggested that Road master Klinger get another estimate and also check Costars. The Ford 550 also needs 4 new tires to pass inspection. Supervisor Pool made a motion to purchase the tires for the Ford 550. The motion was seconded by Chairman Wolfe and the motion carried. The spindle broke on the tractor part of the mower. The exit door of the garage is rusted. An estimate will be needed.

Texas Eastern will be working on Station Road in the coming weeks. Permits have been secured for the upcoming work.

Old Business- None

New Business- None

Solicitor- Solicitor Kohl clarified that the property (Blue Marsh) will not be posted as part of the zoning amendment process.

Action Items- Chairman Wolfe made a motion to release the David Gingerich escrow account. All bills have been paid and all conditions have been met. Supervisor Klinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Resident Walter Stewart asked about attorney client privilege in regards to accessing certain documents for a RTK request. Solicitor Kohl explained that the attorney client privilege applies to the BOS communications with the solicitors. Chairman Wolfe suggested clarification from Solicitor Hartman since he is more familiar with the request.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

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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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Joan Ferrero
2. Donna Terefenko
3. Russell Getz
4. Sharon Gruber
5. Chris Eves
6. Rodney Cimbalista
7. LuAnn Wolfe
8. Jim Tomanelli
9. Randy Lutz
10. Walter Stewart
11. Dave Hopkins
12. Scott Sweigart
13. Annette Guss
14. Jeff Schatz
15. George Ferrero
16. Brian Etchberger
17. Ken Kiebach
18. Kloma Kalbach
19. John Kalbach
20. Brett Huckabee
21. Chuck Frantz
22. Bruce Stempo
23. Gabe Tulli
24. Eric Reynolds