

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 25, 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 Chris Hartman, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the July 28, 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. James Moyer is retiring from the Blue Marsh EMA effective December 31, 2021. Seth Fisher will replace him as Coordinator.

Planning Commission – The August 19, 2021 PC meeting was canceled. The Joint PC meeting was also canceled. The Township received a review letter from the Berks County PC for the proposal regarding lot size for apartments in the MDR Zoning Districts. There were no comments.

Kraft Code Services Report- The monthly permit report was reviewed by Jeff Fiant. A complaint was received by resident Sherry Yoh regarding trees being cut down on Peaceful Valley Lane. She has been advised that it is a civil issue that does not involve the Township. Resident Walter Stewart asked Mr. Fiant for an update on the purported pollution on his property from the adjoining property. It is Mr. Fiant’s opinion that there is no additional pollution since the pipe has been replaced by Mr. Klinger. The fuel leak continues to be handled by the remediation company.

Road Report- 2 estimates have been received for the maintenance door in the garage. Additional estimates will be provided for the door as well as tires. Secretary Taatjes will check Costars. Roadwork has been finished. The roads will be swept and scheduled for line painting. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to authorize payment to Ronnie Folk Paving Inc. Motion carried. Supervisor Klinger attended a hearing for the theft of the Peaceful Valley Lane sign. An additional hearing will be scheduled. Phase 1 of the North Hill Rd project has been closed. Phase 2 is tentatively scheduled to begin mid-September.

Old Business- None

New Business- Secretary Taatjes has requested that the Township look into getting a laptop to enable her to work from home if necessary.

Solicitor- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to accept the Resolution authorizing the BOS to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Berks County to provide dispatching services to the Township emergency services. There would be no change in fees for 2021-2022 services. Going forward increases will be based on the Consumer Price Index. Motion carried.

Resident Jeff Schatz questioned the need for the agreement. Solicitor Hartman is concerned about the liability for not having services. It was agreed that more information needs to be provided. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool to rescind the motion made. Chairman Wolfe seconded the motion and the previous motion was rescinded.

Solicitor Hartman explained that an amendment has been made to the Sunshine Law which will require that an agenda be posted both at the Township building and the Township website 24 hours prior to the meeting. Action items may be added at the meeting by majority vote after stating the reason for the change. An amended agenda will then need to be posted the first business day after the meeting. This change applies to all boards and commissions and will begin on August 29, 2021.

Action Items- None

Public Comment- Resident Jim Tomanelli suggested that the Township look into getting a disc mower for the road banks. Supervisor Pool will look into getting some estimates. Resident Walter Stewart suggested using the ARP funds to replace the Peacock Road Bridge and make a donation to the fire company. There was a discussion about how much money the Township has received so far and what the money can be used for. Mr. Stewart inquired about what information falls under attorney client privilege. Solicitor Hartman explained that emails between his office and the township are protected under attorney client privilege as well as non-criminal investigation documents. It was also noted that the Sterling was not properly maintained in prior years which has led to current rust issues.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, September 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 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Eric Reynolds
2. Ken Kiebach
3. Russell Getz
4. Kloma Kalbach
5. John Kalbach
6. John Kissling
7. Roy Oxenreider
8. Jim Tomanelli
9. Laura Sheetz
10. Walter Stewart
11. Dave Hopkins
12. Jeff Schatz
13. Jeff Schlaybach
14. MJ Clements
15. Barry Goodhart