

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 27, 2019

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, Vice Chairman David Pool and Robert Klinger. Also in attendance were, Chris Hartman, Township Solicitor, Ryan Rhode, Township Engineer, Jeff Fiant, Kraft Codes and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the January 23, 2019 BOS meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Chairman Mitch Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Robert Klinger seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was reviewed. A question was asked about a \$240.00 Communications Charge (account 437.32). Chairman Wolfe made a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted subject to audit. Supervisor Klinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The charge in question is a quarterly fee paid to Radio Maintenance for the truck radios and is billed as a communications charge.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – There were no public comments.

Tax Collectors Report- Township Tax Collector Kloma Kalbach reviewed the January report. All delinquent tax bills were turned over to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau. The County Township Audit was completed on February 22, and the North Heidelberg Township Audit is scheduled for March 7. A petition was provided for the intent to include Kloma Kalbach's name on the ballot for the primary election. Chairman Wolfe motioned to accept the Tax Collector's Report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.

Correspondence –

- a. The Township received a letter from Jim Tomanelli requesting release of his escrow funds. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to release the funds. Motion carried.
- b. The Township received correspondence from CELG requesting sponsorship. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to approve the request in the amount of \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.
- c. The Township will receive its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund on March 1, 2019 in the amount of \$118,497.11.

Planning Commission –

- a. The February 21st Planning Commission meeting was canceled.
- b. Chairman Wolfe explained that there are a couple candidates to fill the PC vacancy. He will discuss the candidates with the other Supervisors and the vacancy will be tabled.

until the April meeting. It was also noted that the PC vacancy wasn't posted on the Township website.

Kraft Code Services-

- a. Building Code Official Jeff Fiant responded to the possible zoning violation complaint. The basement of the home is currently being occupied by a family member. It is Mr. Fiant's opinion that the home is not being used as two separate dwellings and is therefore not in violation. No further action will be taken at this time.

Road Report-

- a. Roadmaster Klinger met with H&K Group regarding the upcoming road bids. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to advertise the two separate contracts. One contract for sealcoat and one contract for paving. Motion carried.
- b. The Orchard road drainage complaint will be revisited if another complaint is received.

A complaint was made regarding Milestone and Evergreen Road. Roadmaster Klinger will address both.

A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to hire Duane Mower as a part time snow plow driver conditional upon qualifying for employment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business- The 2018 Bernville Fire Company Expense and Response Report was provided and is available for review. It was noted that EMT's are needed.

Solicitor Items-

- a. A revised Comcast Franchise Agreement was provided. The current franchise fee is 3% for cable television only. It was recommended that the franchise fee be increased to 5%. It was also recommended that a request to comply with a road opening permit be included. This will be a 10 year contract with the possibility of extension upon mutual agreement. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to authorize advertising the Ordinance. Supervisor Pool seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Action Items- None

Public Comment- A question was raised regarding the status of the mini cell towers. Solicitor Hartman explained that it is currently up before the Joint Planning Commission to address. There was a discussion about what is currently allowable at the state and local level.

John Kissling, Chief of the Bernville Fire Department noted that they responded to 498 calls in 2018.

Bills- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to pay bills and adjourn. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting, March 27, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Joan Ferrero
2. George Ferrero
3. Annette Guss
4. Donna Terefenko
5. Walter Stewart
6. Ken Kiebach
7. LuAnn Wolfe
8. Jim Tomanelli
9. Kloma Kalbach
10. John Kalbach
11. David Hopkins
12. Laura Anne Scheetz
13. J David Lange Jr
14. Roy Oxenreider
15. Russ Getz
16. Jeff Schlaybach
17. Randy Lutz
18. Kieth Lutz
19. Tom Oxenreider
20. Jeff Schatz