

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 26, 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, Supervisor David Pool, and Supervisor Robert Klinger. Also in attendance were, Bethany Emkey, Township Solicitor, Ryan Rhode, Township Engineer, Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the May 16, 2019 Joint PC/BOS meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted subject to PC approval and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger. Motion carried.

Minutes – The minutes from the May 22, 2019 BOS meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger. 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 – There were no public comments.

Tax Collectors Report- The May Tax Collector Report was reviewed by Chairman Wolfe. School real estate tax bills and per capita tax bills are scheduled to be mailed in July.

Correspondence –

- a. Texas Eastern- On June 13, 2019 a meeting was held with a representative from Enbridge regarding the upcoming work at the Bernville Compressor Station. The work is estimated to start in the spring of 2020. Temporary road closures are possible.
- b. Chairman Wolfe shared a letter from the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board thanking The Township for its donation of \$500 to the "A Farm Forever" signage project.
- c. Temporary 2020 Census jobs are available. More information is available upon request, or can be found online at 2020census.gov/jobs.

Planning Commission – The June 20, 2019 PC meeting was canceled.

Kraft Codes Services Report- 2 permits were issued from 5/26/19-6/22/19.

- a. Charming Forge Zoning Complaint- It was noted by Building Code Official Jeff Fiant that the chickens have been penned in and it is his opinion that the chicken complaint appears to be resolved.

- b. Evergreen Road Zoning Complaint- Jeff Fiant confirmed that the parcel in question is large enough for the steer and meets the requirements for permitted use. A zoning permit is forthcoming.

Road Report- Roadmaster Klinger will be going to court to testify as to the trash that was found dumped on Charming Forge Rd. The road crew has been working on clogged drains and downed trees from the storms and getting several roads ready for oil and chip.

A resident expressed concerns about a suspicious truck on Hillview. Supervisor Pool will check the area to see if anything was dumped.

- a. Texas Eastern- Township Engineer Rhode received correspondence that the upcoming roadwork on Hill View is now scheduled for July 17-29. John Kissling, Chief of the Bernville Fire Department requested notification of any road closures.
- b. North Hill Rd Project- A general discussion ensued about the scope of the project as well as other Township roads that need attention. It was explained by Chairman Wolfe and Township Engineer Rhode that the purpose of the project is to improve drainage and the proposed cul-de-sac is secondary. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to approve a 50 foot cul-de-sac for the scope of road work. The motion was opposed by Supervisor Klinger. Motion carried. A contractor's estimate will be obtained to prepare for publicly bidding the work.
- c. Supervisor Klinger made a motion to ratify the approval of additional funds in the amount of \$7,242.20 for the roadwork done by Ronnie Folk Paving, Inc. Chairman Wolfe seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Wolfe explained that the additional funds were due to discrepancy between the estimated feet of base repair provided by PennDOT versus the actual feet of base repair work completed.

Old Business- The 2018 audit has not yet been submitted to DCED. Chairman Wolfe is in the process of getting estimates from various CPA's to prepare future audits and recommends advertising for a CPA at the next BOS meeting. Solicitor Emkey noted that if the Township does hire a CPA to perform the audit function, the elected auditors will still have a role, including setting any supervisors/employees' pay. She further noted that Diana Patton was hired as a consultant by the BOS to restructure QuickBooks and provide training. Mr. Reazor suggested having the state perform a forensic audit. No action has been taken at this time.

New Business- Chairman Wolfe suggested submitting the Township's concerns about the 183 intersection using the PennDOT District 5 website link. It was further suggested that the Township collaborate with Jefferson and Penn Township, Bernville Borough and Christmas Village. In the past, Jeff Schatz has been in contact with Christmas Village about possibly using shuttle buses in the future to alleviate traffic back up. The Christmas Village contact information was shared with the BOS.

No action was taken at this time.

Solicitor Items- None

Action Items- None

Public Comment- A short discussion ensued regarding the rezoning of Blue Marsh.

A resident asked about the status of Locust Lane and what work is being done. Supervisor Klinger explained that it will be filled in with rock to help with drainage and is scheduled for oil and chip.

Next Regular Meeting, July 24, 2019.

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 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

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| 1. Chris Eves | |
| 2. J David Lange Jr | |
| 3. Sheila Stewart | 15. Jeff Schlaybach |
| 4. Donna Terefenko | 16. Jeff Schatz |
| 5. Walter Stewart | 17. Russell Getz |
| 6. Ken Kiebach | 18. George Ferrero |
| 7. LuAnn Wolfe | 19. Joan Ferrero |
| 8. David Hopkins | |
| 9. Scott Keener | |
| 10. Sharon Gruber | |
| 11. Geneva Aulenbach | |
| 12. Laura Anne Scheetz | |
| 13. Jim Reazor | |
| 14. Toni Reazor | |