

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 23, 2020

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 Klingler. Also in attendance were Chris Hartman, Township Solicitor, Ryan Rhode, Township Engineer, Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the August 26, 2020 BOS meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by David Pool 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 – There were no public comments.

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. The delinquent county real estate notices were mailed out. The flat rate for county tax bills has been extended until September 30, 2020. July interims are scheduled to be mailed out. Third installments are due November 30, 2020.

Correspondence

- a. Chairman Wolfe reviewed the correspondence received by the ARL of Berks County for various animal control options for the municipality. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klingler to deny any animal control contract and the motion carried.

Planning Commission –. The PC met September 17, 2020. A motion was made to reaffirm the original recommendation to the BOS to change the current HC zoning to MDR. Solicitor Hartman presented a sample draft ordinance to provide for an HC overlay district in North Heidelberg Township. This would allow the property owner the choice of applying for a zoning permit under either MDR or HC. However, once a building permit would be issued, the decision would be irrevocable. This would allow for a broader variety of potential land uses. A motion was made by Supervisor Klingler to accept the PC recommendation to change the current HC zoning to MDR. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool. Motion carried. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to have Solicitor Hartman prepare an ordinance to take before the Joint PC for review.

The Joint PC meeting was held September 17, 2020. Marion Township presented their revised ordinance. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020.

Kraft Code Services Report- 1 permit was issued and 5 building inspections were performed.

- a. Supervisor Klinger provided photos and a written statement from a township resident regarding the taking down of the Peaceful Valley Lane sign. The state police have been notified.
- b. Two solar panels permits have been issued. A survey will be required before a final inspection is performed.

Road Report- A portion of Charming Forge Rd that was recently washed away was repaired. Roadmaster Klinger will be contacting Martins Paving to repair the section of Pieller Rd that was recently damaged. No additional roadwork is planned for this year.

New Business- Sheila Gallagher is requesting release of escrow account funds in the amount of \$2150.00. All bills have been satisfied. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to release the funds. Motion carried.

Solicitor- None

Old Business- The Quality Assurance Board for the DGLVR program approved the township's application for the first phase of the North Hill Rd project. The first phase will address drainage. The Township is currently awaiting the contract from BCCD.

Public Comment- A permit is required to blacktop a driveway. Grandview Rd was removed from this year's roadwork contract due to budgetary constraints. It was suggested that the BOS use money from the General Fund to do additional roadwork. John Kissling shared that the Bernville Fire Company recently signed a contract to purchase a new pumper-tanker for \$647,833.00 and is seeking donations. Peaceful Valley Lane was used as a cross street reference for a recent call to 911. It was also noted that the Township will save approximately \$1,750 on its yearly workman's compensation bill.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 28, 2020 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Ira Weaver
2. Grace Weaver
3. LuAnn Wolfe
4. Ken Kiebach
5. John Kissling
6. Donna Terefenko
7. Jeff Schatz
8. John Kalbach
9. George Ferrero
10. Joan Ferrero
11. Jennifer Black
12. Walter Stewart
13. Kloma Kalbach
14. Russell Getz
15. Jeff Schlaybach
16. Laura Anne Scheetz
17. Jim Tomanelli
18. David Gingerich
19. Rod Cimbalista