

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 23, 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, Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, Ryan Rhode, Kraft Engineering, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the September 25, 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 – Jeff Schatz inquired about the county closure of the bridge at Grandview. There was a brief discussion of the design and placement of the proposed cul-de-sac, as well as the possibility of abandoning the dirt section of the road. Supervisor Pool suggested reaching out to the current property owners and also researching the current amount of Liquid Fuels money that the Township receives. Kraft Engineer Rhodes will check on the status of the project with the county.

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. Reminders have been sent for all unpaid county bills. Kloma attended the Berks County Association of Township Officials’ Annual County Convention on October 17, 2019. A reminder that November 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day.

Correspondence –

- a. The BCCD and the Berks County Dept of Agriculture are hosting a free tire collection to the residents and farmers of Berks County on Friday, November 1. The information will be posted on the Township website.
- b. The Township received a letter from the Bernville Fire Company requesting a donation for 2019. The Township donated \$500 to all three fire companies that service the Township in January 2019. The request was tabled until the Township receives a request from the remaining two fire companies.
- c. The Township also received a request for a donation from Crime Alert Berks County. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to deny the request for donation. Motion carried.

Planning Commission – The October 17, 2019 PC meeting was canceled.

Kraft Codes Services Report-

- a. Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant didn't see any evidence of a pipe being run from 488 N Heidelberg Rd. He has been unable to contact the homeowner at this time.
- b. The property owners at 602 Charming Forge Rd have been instructed to install another layer of fencing to prevent their chickens from escaping. The fence is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.

Supervisor Klinger was reminded that his use of a Jake brake is prohibited on Township roads and if any further complaints are received, the Township reserves the right to proceed with additional enforcement.

Road Report-

- a. A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger to purchase a broom repair kit from Stephenson Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$745.03. The motion was seconded by Chairman Wolfe and the motion carried.
- b. Supervisor Pool made a motion to table the purchase of a concrete chop saw until the spring. The motion was seconded by Chairman Wolfe and the motion carried. It was noted by Jeff Schatz that the Township owns a sawzall.

Old Business-

- a. Tom Jones was not present to discuss the install of the A/C unit.
- b. Township Engineer Rhodes and Secretary Taatjes will meet to review the current escrow accounts being held by the Township.
- c. A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger to donate \$.65 per capita (\$789.00) to the Robesonia Library as requested. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.

New Business-

- a. The 2020 SEO Fee Schedule was received from Brian McFeaters. There are no changes in the fees from this year's current fee schedule. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to continue using the current SEO and accept the fee schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.
- b. The proposed 2020 Township budget was distributed to the Supervisors for review.

Solicitor Items/Action Items- None

Public Comment- Walter Stewart would like to commend the auditors for their work on the 2018 audit and the report they provided. The report is available for review. It was noted that the 2018 audit was submitted and approved by DCED and the 2019 audit will be performed by Lettich & Zipay, CPA.

Supervisor Klinger requested that the pipe on North Hill be fixed. A discussion ensued about the location of the pipe and different ways to fix the ongoing issue. Engineer Rhodes suggested having Craig Clark try and locate the pipe before consulting with the Bernville Fire Company to try and flush the pipe. It was agreed that if the pipe is located, then the Township can proceed with flushing the pipe. If the pipe is not located, then no action will be taken until the next BOS meeting. PA

One Call will also be contacted prior to any work being done. It was further suggested that any additional work should wait until the rest of the work is done on the North Hill Road project through BCCD.

Next Regular Meeting, TUESDAY, November 26, 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 7:38.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. LuAnn Wolfe
2. Sharon Gruber
3. Donna Terefenko
4. Rodney Cimbalista
5. Walter Stewart
6. Ken Kiebach
7. Annette Guss
8. David Hopkins
9. James Tomanelli
10. Kloma Kalbach
11. John Kalbach
12. Jeff Schatz
13. Geneva Aulenbach
14. Russell Getz
15. Roy Oxenreider