

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 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, Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 23, 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 monthly Tax Collector Report was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. Reminders have been sent for all unpaid school bills. School interim bills have been mailed out. Kloma was reelected as the North Heidelberg Township Tax Collector.

Correspondence –

- a. The Township received notification of a proposed detour of North Heidelberg Road by Enbridge/Texas Eastern Transmission. The detour is currently scheduled for December 9-21. Township Engineer Ryan Rhode responded to the notification requesting a delay in the road closure due to Christmas Village traffic. The request was submitted to Penn DOT for consideration.
- b. The Township received the 2020 Fee Schedule for both Kraft Code Services and Kraft Engineering. The fee schedule remains the same as 2019.

Planning Commission – The November 21, 2019 PC meeting was canceled.

Kraft Codes Services Report- 2 permits were issued 10/27/19-11/23/19.

- a. It is still the county’s intention to remove the Grandview Bridge. It was originally set to be removed in 2020. However, because of vacancies within the counties department, the work will most likely be deferred until 2021. There have been complaints of people parking and walking over the Grandview Bridge into Christmas Village. It was noted that an obstruction had been put in place to deter people from walking over the bridge. It was agreed that the Secretary will call the county regarding the legality of the obstruction.

- b. An additional complaint has been received regarding chickens escaping at 602 Charming Forge Rd. A notice of violation was previously issued and an additional fence was constructed to prevent the chickens from escaping the enclosure. It was the Zoning officer's opinion that the homeowner has been compliant and there isn't sufficient proof that the chickens are escaping. Unless additional proof is provided by the complainant, no action will be taken.

A complaint was received for a mobile home located at 317 Hillview Road. The home was abandoned for a number of years. It's undetermined if the home has a working septic system or electric. The SEO has been contacted. If it's determined that the home does not have electricity, it is the zoning officers opinion that the home should be condemned. No action was taken at this time.

There is a property on Lamms Mill Road with ongoing septic issues. The drain field is on the neighbor's property and is failing. A new septic system is tentatively scheduled to be installed in the spring. The SEO has been contacted for further information.

Road Report-

- a. The rip rap was completed on Locust Lane.
- b. Christmas Village- See Kraft Code Services Report (7a).

The broom has been rebuilt by Craig Clark. Roadmaster Klinger would like to thank Township resident Tim Fehr for providing Craig with salt usage training. Salt has been delivered and the trucks are ready for winter. Township resident Roy Oxenreider recommended using a chart provided by the state that will tell the drivers how many pounds of salt are being used per mile. He further volunteered to provide the necessary paperwork.

Township resident John Kalbach recommended crack sealing some of the Township roads to save on maintenance.

Old Business-

- a. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to advertise the 2020 budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.
- b. Township Engineer Rhodes and Secretary Taatjes reviewed the escrow accounts currently being held by the Township. The majority of the escrow accounts are storm water related. It was both Engineer Rhodes and Solicitor Emkey's opinion that the accounts be held by the Township in case of any future issues. There were two accounts that are being considered for release. The appropriate residents will be notified.
- c. Craig Clark was able to locate the pipes on North Hill Road and Locust Lane. He will coordinate with the Bernville Fire Company to open the clogged pipes.

New Business-

- a. The amendments to the Joint Zoning Ordinance were not included in the copies previously provided by the Township. The issue has been corrected.

Solicitor Items/Action Items- None

Public Comment- A request was made to move the Grandview Bridge sign on Hillview Road for better visibility.

Walter Stewart suggested that the Township use Tucker Stewart's driveway as a turn around when doing snow removal. A question was raised regarding insurance coverage when Roadmaster Klinger is using his personal machinery to perform Township business. Solicitor Emkey will review the policy and provide advice to the BOS as necessary.

Jeff Schatz provided the contact information for the Interim Director of Facilities and Operations for Berks County.

A reminder that BCCD will start taking applications on January 1, 2020.

An executive session was called at approximately 7:40 to discuss personnel matters.

Next Regular Meeting, MONDAY December 23, 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 8:07.

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. John Kissling
10. Kloma Kalbach
11. John Kalbach
12. Jeff Schatz
13. Laura Scheetz
14. Russell Getz
15. Roy Oxenreider
16. Steve Irwin
17. Michelle Schonour
18. George Ferrero
19. Joan Ferrero
20. Randy Lutz

