

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 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, Ryan Rhode, Township Engineer, Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the November 26, 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 Pool. 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.

It was noted that the Township receives a portion of the State Police Fines from the Commonwealth of PA.

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

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. Reminder notices were sent out for all unpaid bills. As of December 31, 2019, any unpaid tax bills will be turned over to tax claim. Updated 2020 Tax Collector information will be posted on the Township website.

Correspondence –

- a. The Township received notice that the work originally proposed to be completed on North Heidelberg Road by Enbridge/Texas Eastern on the natural gas pipeline in December has been rescheduled for spring 2020. Tentative dates are April 6-17. There was a discussion regarding weight limits on trucks using the proposed detour route (Church Road).

Planning Commission – A PC meeting was held on December 19, 2019. The PC received a proposed amendment to the Joint Zoning Ordinance to allow Marion Township to participate. The PC recommended to the BOS to amend the Joint Zoning Ordinance to allow Marion Township to participate in the Joint Zoning. Chairman Wolfe will be attending the Western Berks Joint Planning Commission meeting on January 16, 2020, to discuss the proposed addition of Marion Township with the other municipalities participating in the Joint Zoning.

Kraft Codes Services Report- 1 permit was issued 11/24/19-12/21/19.

- a. 317 Hill View Road- It has been determined that the property does have electric. The tenant has cleaned up a lot of the debris from the exterior of the property. The Township SEO has been contacted regarding the septic system and hopes to visit the property in the coming weeks. The SEO has also been contacted regarding the Lamms Mill property septic complaint. Zoning Office Jeff Fiant will continue to work with the SEO to resolve the issue.

Road Report- Supervisor Klinger requested that the Township purchase a hand truck and a dolly. Supervisor Pool made a motion to approve purchasing both items. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.

Roy Oxenreider provided information on the salt spreader. Supervisor Klinger made a motion to set up a class with other townships to teach proper salt usage at the North Heidelberg Township building. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.

Old Business-

- a. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to adopt the 2020 budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.
- b. The clogged pipe that was located on North Hill Road ends evenly with the road. It was suggested that a 3 foot extension be placed at the end of the pipe. Township Engineer Rhodes agreed. Rip rap will be used to minimize sediment runoff once the new pipe is installed. Supervisor Klinger will coordinate with the Bernville Fire Company to flush the pipe on North Hill Road.

New Business-

- a. The guiderails on Peacock Bridge were damaged due to falling trees. A claim was filed with the insurance company and the damage is covered.
- b. Supervisor Wolfe made a motion to donate \$500 each to the Bernville Fire Company, Mt. Pleasant Fire Company, and the Robeson Fire Company for 2020. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to adopt Resolution 2019-07, setting the millage rate at 1.0 mills for 2020. Motion carried.
- d. A meeting was held on December 16, 2019 with Supervisor Gary Himmelberger of Jefferson Township, Sonia Koziar of Christmas Village, and Supervisor Pool to discuss the ongoing Christmas Village traffic concerns as well as public safety and quality of life for North Heidelberg Township residents. An extra entrance was added this year to help alleviate traffic. Christmas Village also contacted the Bernville Fire Company for an emergency situation plan. Supervisor Pool will continue to keep an open dialogue between all parties. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Grandview bridge closure and the structures that were erected by Christmas Village to keep pedestrian traffic from crossing the bridge.
- e. Bernville Fire Company Chief John Kissling requested that the Township designate the Bernville Fire Company as the primary fire company for the Township. This change would require them to handle all the run cards. Workman's compensation would only be paid to the Bernville Fire Company. The Township is currently paying

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workman's compensation to all three fire companies that service the Township. The request was tabled pending further research. No action was taken at this time.

Solicitor Items/Action Items- None

Public Comment- None

Reorganization meeting will be held Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Next Regular Meeting, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Bills- A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to pay bills and adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. LuAnn Wolfe
2. Jim Reazor
3. Donna Terefenko
4. Steve Irwin
5. Roger Voit
6. Ken Kiebach
7. Barry Goodhart
8. David Hopkins
9. John Kissling
10. Kloma Kalbach
11. John Kalbach
12. Jim Tomanelli
13. Russell Getz
14. Roy Oxenreider