

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Minutes – The minutes from the November 24, 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 Supervisor 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 – None

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. Reminder notices have been sent to all residents with unpaid tax bills. After December 31, 2020 all unpaid tax bills will be sent to tax claim. The current total amount of outstanding tax bills is \$94, 414.12. Interim bills are scheduled to be mailed January 1, 2021.

Correspondence -

- a. The CW Graduation Party Committee is seeking a donation for the 2021 CW Graduation Party. A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger and seconded by Supervisor Pool to deny a donation. Motion carried.
- b. A request was received by Sheila Gallagher to release the final escrow holding of \$500.00. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to release the escrow subject to the Solicitor’s review. Motion carried.
- c. The HVAC installation provided by Schatz Electric was donated. The BOS would like to express their thanks to Jeff and Cindy Schatz as well as Tom Jones for his time and materials and also Kloma and John Kalbach for the donation of the mini split units.

Planning Commission –

- a. A proposed amendment to the JZO by Heidelberg Township to allow no more than (2) “junk vehicle” (as defined by Article 2) shall be permitted to be parked in view of a public street or residence at any time was brought before the PC. The PC recommended to the BOS to not accept the proposed changes to the JZO as applied to North Heidelberg Township. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to notify all the townships within the JZO that the proposed amendment is not acceptable as drafted. The new version would need to state that North Heidelberg’s portion of the Ordinance shall remain the same. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried. The Joint PC is scheduled to meet on January 21, 2021.

Kraft Code Services Report- 7 permits were issued for the month. Jeff Fiant is still working with DEP on the previous burning complaints. The final permits have not been issued for the solar panel projects on Old Church Rd.

Road Report- The Township has been busy cleaning up from the recent snow storm. The work on the cul-de-sac on Stump Lane has started.

New Business-

- a. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to donate \$500.00 to both the Mt. Pleasant Fire Company and the Pioneer Hose Fire Company. The Township will donate \$1000.00 to the Bernville Fire Company. The increase in donation to the Bernville Fire Company is for various work that was performed for the Township throughout the year. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried. It was further explained that the Township is paying workman's compensation through the Bernville Fire Company only.
- b. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to pass Resolution 2020-10, assessing the millage rate for North Heidelberg Township at 1 mill. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to give both Craig Clark and Tanya Taatjes a \$100 bonus. Motion carried.
- d. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool for Secretary Taatjes to purchase a new voice recorder. Motion carried.
- e. The Reorganization meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4th at 7:00P.M.

Solicitor- None

Old Business-

- a. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to adopt the Tax Collector Compensation Ordinance 2020-01. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.
- b. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to adopt the 2021 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.

Public Comment- BCCD is waiting for approval from the State Conservation Commission for the stream crossing pipe waiver in order to start the North Hill Rd project. Resident Walter Stewart questioned the Township's recent work on North Hill Rd and is concerned about the load bearing capability of the road. Both Dean Druckenmiller from BCCD and Engineer Rhodes inspected the recent work and did not feel that a permit was required or that the integrity of the road has been compromised. No additional work is scheduled to be done before the project is started. The Dirt and Gravel course was cancelled and has not been rescheduled at this time.

Dick and Bonnie Curtis introduced themselves as new residents to North Heidelberg Township. There was a general discussion about the overall election process and the voting process here at the Township. Chairman Wolfe recommended contacting the county commissioners with any questions regarding the recent election.

Reorganization Meeting, Monday January 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday January 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

An executive session was called at approximately 7:45 PM to discuss possible pending litigation.

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 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Walter Stewart
2. Kloma Kalbach
3. Russell Getz
4. Roy Oxenreider
5. John Kalbach
6. Tiffany Oxenreider
7. Tony Oxenreider
8. David Hopkins
9. Bob Barshinger
10. Gina Oxenreider
11. Ken Kiebach
12. Laura Scheetz
13. Dick Curtis
14. Bonnie Curtis