

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 22, 2018

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, Vice Chairman David Pool and Robert Klinger. Also in attendance were Bethany Emkey, Township Solicitor, Ryan Rhode, Township Engineer and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the July 25, 2018 meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. David Pool made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Bob Klinger seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Township Treasurer Jim Tomanelli explained that he identified the incorrect negative receivable entry and is still working on the accounting correction. A motion was made by Bob Klinger and seconded by David Pool to accept the Treasurer’s Report subject to review of the correction. Motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – None

Tax Collectors Report- Township Tax Collector Kloma Kalbach reviewed the July Tax Collector’s Report and current sitting hours. Per capita bills will go to the flat rate after August 31, 2018.

Correspondence - None

Planning Commission – Metropolitan Development Group had a preliminary discussion with the Planning Commission for development of the former Blue Marsh Ski Area. It was generally recommended and referred to the BOS to first deal with zoning issues.

Kraft Code Services-Two permits were issued for the month. Supervisor Klinger inquired about liability for the excavator that knocked down 2 signs on the 44 Heidelberg Heights project. Solicitor Emkey recommended that the Secretary bill the excavator for one hour of labor. The drywall complaint from the 44 Heidelberg Heights project that was brought before the Planning Commission was addressed. It was determined that the structural integrity of the wall was not compromised. A follow up inspection was done by Kraft Code Services with no issues found. There was no contact or complaint from the homeowner or Berks Homes.

Road Report- Supervisor Klinger reported approximately 60 trees down in recent months within the Township. He met with Penn DOT Representative Charlie Paris and is currently working on a grant for the Kricks Mill Road project. He verified that the plastic pipe used to mark the culverts is Penn DOT approved. He anticipates doing a full road report before the next BOS meeting. There was a discussion regarding what materials would be used for the upcoming paving projects.

Solicitor Emkey explained the bidding procedures that need to be followed. She also recommended a performance bond. There is no action required by the BOS at this time.

Solicitor Items-

- a. Fireworks Ordinance- It was determined that the Bernville Fire Company is the primary fire company for The Township. The appropriate information will be updated. There was a motion made by David Pool to authorize advertisement of the Fireworks Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Robert Klinger. Motion carried.
- b. Noxious Weed Ordinance- Solicitor Emkey provided a current list of noxious weeds. A motion was made by David Pool and seconded by Mitch Wolfe to authorize advertisement of the Noxious Weed Ordinance. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion ensued about what constitutes a lawn and what is considered proper property maintenance. Solicitor Emkey explained the different exceptions within the ordinance. It was further explained that it would be up to the Township Code Official to handle any violations of property maintenance on a complaint basis only. There was a question about an existing Township Junk Ordinance. It was suggested the Township codify their ordinances.

- c. Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan Update- A motion was made by Mitch Wolfe and seconded by Robert Klinger to adopt the said resolution. Motion carried.
- d. Comcast Policy Renewal and Franchise Fee- Solicitor Emkey will ask for a 5% franchise fee. Additional items requested would be as follows:
 - i. Require Comcast to pull any required building permits
 - ii. A population density request
 - iii. Right of way access for tree trimming would be granted only on Township right of way property
 - iv. A performance bond in the amount of \$25,000

A final agreement will be adopted by ordinance when terms are agreed upon.

- e. Texas Eastern- There is a provision within the Zoning Ordinance limiting noise and it is the Zoning Officer's responsibility to measure the noise, which can be difficult and costly. It was Solicitor Emkey recommendation that Chairman Wolfe should contact Texas Eastern and initiate a meeting.
- f. Public Hearing Agricultural Security Area "ASA" Application- A public hearing was held and opened up for comment on the ASA Application submitted for 148 Reider Road by Alice Deanin. The parcel identification numbers in the application were partially correct. Parcel 1 consisting of 21.85 acres is identified as 4348-00-29-1015 and Parcel 2 consisting of 2.89 acres is identified as 4348-00-29-5462 for a total of 24.74 acres. A question was raised as to why there are two separate parcels. It was determined that the parcels were split by the previous owner. There were no other public comments. Having met all of the conditions required, a motion was made by Chairman Mitch Wolfe and seconded by Robert Klinger to approve and adopt the said ASA application for addition to the North Heidelberg

Agricultural Security Area. Motion carried. Certificates were to be signed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Old Business- The Conrad Weiser Area School District confirmed its denial to change the current bus stop location. The Township's request to have the response from the Transportation Department in writing was denied. Solicitor Emkey advised that the school bus runs are determined by the School District and encouraged Township residents to attend a school board meeting to voice their concerns. Chairman Wolfe agreed to bring it to the attention of Charlie Paris at Penn Dot and keep all correspondence on file.

New Business- None

Public Comment- Jim Tomanelli requested clarification as to what is covered in his two application fees for the Tomanelli/Carlino Subdivision. Solicitor Emkey will check the SALDO fee schedule. There was an additional question regarding final inspection fees.

Walter Stewart requested that Township Engineer Rhodes inspect the culvert under North Hill Road. Both Walter Stewart and Supervisor Robert Klinger requested to be present at the time of the inspection.

Bills- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to pay bills and adjourn the meeting and seconded by Robert Klinger. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Laura Anne Scheetz
2. JD Lange, Jr
3. George Ferrero
4. Jeff Schlaybach
5. Jeff Schatz
6. Walter Stewart
7. David Hopkins
8. Alice Deanin
9. Jim Tomanelli
10. Harold Hoch
11. Robin Hoch
12. Donna Terefenko