

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 20, 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, Liz Magovern, Township Solicitor, Ryan Rhode, Township Engineer and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 24, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A correction was made to Page 3 under attendance. It was noted that Jim Tomanelli’s name was spelled incorrectly. Supervisor Mitch Wolfe made a motion to accept the change and approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Robert Klinger seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Township Treasurer Jim Tomanelli explained that the negative receivable entry had been corrected. The credits in the A/R needed to be applied as credits to the invoices in the customer center. There was further discussion about the current QuickBooks set up as well as additional training for the Township Secretary.

Supervisor Pool questioned the total amount of bills paid for the month. A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger and seconded by Supervisor Pool to accept the Treasurer’s Report subject to review. Motion carried.

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

Tax Collectors Report- Township Tax Collector Kloma Kalbach reviewed the October Tax Collector’s Report.

Correspondence –

- a. A letter was received by the Township from Fred & Maureen Lewis expressing their opposition to the proposed Metropolitan Development.
- b. The County of Berks will be executing the intentional and permanent closure of County Bridge 49B, Schaeffer’s Ford Bridge on Monday December 3, 2018. The official detour plan is available for reference.

Planning Commission – The November 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting was canceled.

Kraft Code Services- Kraft Code Services met with the owner of the property in the Township burning complaint. The homeowner was given a copy of the Township’s Burning Ordinance. The homeowner stated that he would work to correct any issues. Supervisor Pool stated that he had visited the site(s) and didn’t see any evidence of prohibited materials being burned. Chairman Wolfe also stated that he had visited 624 Charming Forge Rd and didn’t see any evidence of prohibited material being burned at that time. It was determined that the Zoning Officer would investigate any further complaints only at the direction of the BOS.

Road Report-

- a. A complaint was raised over mailboxes being knocked down during the recent snowstorm by The Township's plow trucks. Concerns were raised regarding the drivers speed. Roadmaster Klinger will address these concerns with the road crew.

Sections of blacktop on both Station Rd and Graeff Rd have been filled. Additional drainage work is scheduled for Graeff's Rd. The Krick's Mill Rd project is scheduled to be finished on November 21, 2018.

Both the blower and pole saw were purchased from Reifsnyder's.

A Township resident raised concerns about drainage issues on Milestone Rd.

A lengthy discussion with the Township Engineer ensued regarding the condition of North Hill Rd and different options to improve the overall condition of the road as well as drainage.

Supervisor Pool expressed concerns over the condition of the Milestone Bridge. Township Engineer Rhodes will look into the inspection report.

Solicitor Items- There were no Solicitor items.

Old Business-

- a. A new Township computer was installed and a Dropbox account was created.

New Business-

- a. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to advertise adopting the 2019 budget in December. Supervisor Klinger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Action Items- None

Public Comment- The Township's website has been up and running. Tax collector Kloma Kalbach requested her information be updated. It was noted that the meeting date for the month of November was incorrect on the website. It was corrected by Chairman Wolfe.

Walter Stewart requested clarification on what Township equipment requires a CDL license.

Supervisor Klinger suggested the Township purchase a new flag.

Bills- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to pay bills. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday December 26, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to rescind the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Supervisor Klinger. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

The meeting was immediately reopened to discuss the pending Schaeffer's Ford Bridge Closure.

A discussion ensued regarding PennDOT's plan to close the Schaeffer's Ford Bridge and the signage associated with the detour. The plan provided by PennDOT was reviewed. Questions were raised regarding the placement of the signs and the possibility of a hard closure. Supervisor Klinger will contact PennDOT. A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger and seconded by Supervisor Pool for a hard closure conditional upon the closure plan provided by PennDOT and a review by Kraft Engineering. Motion carried.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Laura Scheetz
2. Dave Lange
3. Keith Lutz
4. Jeff Schlaybach
5. Walter Stewart
6. David Hopkins
7. LuAnn Wolfe
8. Jim Tomanelli
9. Kloma Kalbach
10. John Fraunfelter
11. Sharon Gruber
12. Rosalie Stewart