

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 22, 2023

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 Township Solicitor Chris Hartman, Township Engineer Ryan Rhode, and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the February 22, 2023 BOS meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. 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 Pool seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – None

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report for February was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. All three audits have been completed and 2022 accounts have been closed out. County and Township real estate bills have been sent out along with interim bills. Sitting hours for April were reviewed.

County and Township real estate tax bills are due in the spring. The school tax is due in the fall.

Correspondence

- a. Liquid Fuels payment was received in the amount of \$110,589.97 for 2023.
- b. A motion was made by David Pool and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to donate \$100 to the CW Community Pool. Motion carried.

Planning Commission – The Chairman of the PC, Jim Tomanelli attended a meeting on March 14, 2023 hosted by the Berks County PC and Imagine Berks to discuss the future growth of Berks County including jobs and housing. The PC met on March 16, 2023 to review a final subdivision plan submitted by Kevin Snyder. The plan would subdivide a 50 acre lot for an existing single family home on 2 acres within the Agricultural Preservation (AP) zoning district. The current 50 acre lot is a preserved farm that was originally part of a 250 acre parcel prior to the JZO being adopted. The PC determined that the plan will require a special exception from the ZHB. The PC motioned to recommend approval of all the waivers to the BOS. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to approve all waivers as requested. Motion carried.

Kraft Municipal Group- The proposed 2023 roadwork was reviewed. The Township is looking to spend approximately \$250,000.00. Both Stump Lane and North Hill Road will be bid as alternates. A single application of oil and chip along with fog seal was suggested for the Township parking lot. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to authorize advertising. Motion carried.

Road Report- The last load of salt for the year was delivered. Supervisor Klinger is concerned about the status of the new truck. There is no signed contract in the file. Secretary Taatjes will research more.

Old Business- None

New Business-

- a. The Blue Marsh Regional EMA met on March 20, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023. An alternate is needed for North Heidelberg Township. There were no volunteers.
- b. The pipe on Dundore Road was successfully cleared. Chief Kissling reviewed the 2022 yearend report for the Bernville Fire Company. The donation made by the Township to the Bernville Fire Company was used for the new truck loan. The fire company received the maximum grant amount of \$15,000 from the state and had the highest level of personnel training. There were 3 minor changes to the run cards. Mt. Pleasant added a rescue engine. Western Berks Ambulance added another station on the Brownsville Road and one more engine will be added to every structure fire due to lack of manpower. If you ordered an address sign, they will be in soon.

Solicitor-

- a. The resolution to establish a procedure for disposal of surplus personal property with a fair market value of less than \$2,000 was reviewed. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to authorize selling the John Deere mower after the appropriate value estimates are provided. Motion carried.
- b. The homeowner of Lot 21 at Orchard Place is responsible for maintaining drainage and swales situated on their respected lot. A letter will be prepared by Solicitor Hartman to the homeowner.

Action Items- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to adopt a Resolution appointing Keegan Worley as the primary and Gloria Grim as the alternate delegate to the Berks County Tax Collection (TCC) Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Chairman Wolfe shared information for the Blue Marsh Lake office and the PA Fish and Boat Commission over concerns of downed trees in the Tulpehocken Creek. Although it's out of the scope of work of the Bernville Fire Company, they are willing to draft a letter of support to have the trees removed.

There was a question regarding a driveway permit on Grandview Road. Engineer Rhode will research the permit.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Barry Goodhart
2. Jim Tomanelli
3. Kloma Kalbach
4. Dave Hopkins
5. Jeff Schatz
6. Russell Getz
7. Jeff Schlaybach
8. Randy Lutz
9. John Gibbel
10. Ken Kiebach
11. Sally Greth
12. Mary Beth Clarke
13. Troy Tranquillo
14. John Kissling
15. Joseph Stoudt