

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 26, 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 and Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the March 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 March was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. County school and interim bills have been sent out. Sitting hours for April were reviewed. If anyone wishes to pay their taxes in cash, please contact Kloma prior to doing so.

Correspondence

- a. The HA Thompson representative was unable to attend the meeting.
- b. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to donate \$100.00 to BCCD. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Chairman Wolfe to donate \$100 to CELG. Motion carried.

Planning Commission – The PC meeting scheduled for 4/20/23 was canceled.

The Western Berks Joint PC will meet on 5/18/23 at 7 PM at Heidelberg Township to discuss Marion Township’s proposal to amend Section 403.D.11 (Keeping of Pets and Small Domesticated Farm Animals) of the JZO. The amendment would increase the amount of chickens that are currently allowable. It is unclear at this time what other changes are being considered. Chairman Wolfe is interested in joining Marion in changing the JZO. It was agreed that more information will need to be provided in addition to any changes going through the Township PC.

Kraft Municipal Group- None

Road Report- The Township has been busy cleaning out pipes, cutting grass and clearing trees/limbs. Supervisor Klinger would like to have the F550 and the International sandblasted. The estimate provided for both totals \$5,747.50. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to see if both vehicles can be done for a total of \$5,500.00. If not, only the F550 will be done this year. Supervisor Pool seconded the motion and the motion carried. The new truck is scheduled to be finished in the next couple of weeks. A signed copy of the sale was provided. There was a question

as to when the warranty would begin. Secretary Taatjes will research. Supervisor Klinger has been communicating with the Army Corp of Engineers to provide and additional area of access for kayakers. There was a general discussion about who would pay for the project, maintenance, and liability. Chairman Wolfe would like to research a recreational grant and would like to contact the Army Corp of Engineers to get more information.

Old Business- None

New Business-

- a. Resolution 151-2023 Imposing a Temporary Ban on Outdoor Burning in Berks County was lifted on 4/25/2023.

Solicitor- The ZHB met on 4/25/2023 to discuss the application for a special exception received by Kevin Snyder, Jr. There will be a continuation of the hearing on 5/4/2023 at 7 PM to allow the Township zoning officer to attend. Solicitor Hartman recommended any questions that the ZHB have be directed to the ZHB solicitor and shared will all members. Any questions that the zoning officer might have can be directed to Solicitor Hartman. Kevin Snyder was present and explained the plans for the property. The plan would subdivide a 50 acre lot for an existing single family home on 2 acres within the AP zoning district. The plan has been approved by Clean and Green, Agricultural Preservation, and the Berks County PC. The North Heidelberg PC approved all of the waivers at the March 16th PC meeting as well as the BOS at the March 22th BOS meeting. A general discussion followed regarding the language within the JZO as it applies to the plan.

Action Items- None

Public Comment- Walter Stewart shared that the House of Representatives passed a bill that could require any unspent ARP funds to be surrendered. The Township is currently planning to use the remaining funds on the new truck purchase. He also commended the work done by the Township on North Hill Rd.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Bills- A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool 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. John Kalbach
3. Kloma Kalbach
4. Dave Hopkins
5. Jeff Schatz
6. Walter Stewart
7. Jeff Schlaybach
8. Randy Lutz
9. John Gibbel
10. Ken Kiebach
11. Kevin Snyder