

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 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 Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the June 28, 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 Klinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – None

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report for June was reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. The school real estate millage increased ½ mill to 32.8560. Please write separate checks when sending in both school taxes and per capita.

Correspondence

- a. The township received notice that a professional fireworks display will be held on 8/23/23 at approximately 9:30 PM at 44 Woodstone Lane. It was noted that the correct date is 8/26/23.

Planning Commission – The PC meeting scheduled for 7/20/23 was canceled.

Kraft Municipal Group- None

Road Report- The 550 has been sandblasted. The base repair work has been completed. It was suggested that flyers be put out to notify homeowners when the seal coat work will be done. The township plans on filling in parts of Dynamite Rd and Evergreen Rd with millings.

Old Business- The Township is still trying to locate a digital copy of the JZO.

New Business- None

Solicitor- The Blue Marsh EMA met informally on 7/17/23 since there was no quorum. Representatives of Bern Township were present and expressed a willingness to share their current EMC Kevin Hinkle. He is willing to serve North Heidelberg, Bernville and Jefferson Township. The current inter municipal agreement would need to be revised to change the qualification requirement of sharing a boundary since Penn Township has expressed their intent to withdraw from the agency. This would eliminate a shared boundary with North Heidelberg Township. Bern Township would provide an office. Each Township would need to budget for expenses, but only

pay as expenses occur. It is Solicitor Hartman's opinion that the expenses would be minimal and would be divided by each Township based on per capita. The next step would be to confirm that Jefferson Township and Bernville Borough are willing to proceed with modifying the existing agreement. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to have Solicitor Hartman prepare a Resolution to add Bern Township to the Blue Marsh EMS. Solicitor Hartman will continue to keep Penn Township informed of the decisions being made in hopes that they will rethink their decision to withdraw.

Action Items- None

Public Comment- Walter Stewart had questions about the recent ZHB decision regarding the Kevin Snyder Jr. subdivision plan. After reviewing the ZHB decision, Solicitor Hartman did not feel that a LESA study was required. It is his opinion that the study is designed to answer whether a non-residential subdivision should occur. Since the Snyder subdivision is creating a residential lot, the study does not apply. In addition, the purpose of the Snyder plan was to subdivide the property, not to develop it. There has been no appeal on the ZHB decision.

Kloma would like to use the office for sitting hours. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to have air conditioning installed in the meeting room. Motion carried.

There was a general discussion about Airbnb's (short term rentals) within the township. It was suggested that the zoning officer and the SEO be made aware of potential violations within the township. The issue will be included on the agenda for the next BOS meeting.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 23, 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 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Russell Getz
2. Kloma Kalbach
3. Walter Stewart
4. John Kalbach
5. Ken Kiebach
6. John Kissling
7. Jim Tomanelli
8. Jeff Schatz
9. Randy Lutz

