

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 24, 2024

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 December 27, 2023 BOS meeting were reviewed. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool. Motion carried. The minutes from the January 2, 2024 Reorganization meeting were reviewed. Chairman Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Klinger seconded the motion and the 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. The \$184.00 paid to Meadowbrook Electric was to have a receptacle installed for the new pressure washer.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – It was noted that the language should be changed for item 13(c) to Letter of Credit rather than escrow release.

Tax Collectors Report- The monthly Tax Collector Report for December and the yearend report were reviewed by Kloma Kalbach. Interim bills are due. Please write separate checks for multiple bills.

Correspondence- Conrad Weiser High School is seeking a donation for the 2024 graduation party. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to donate \$200. Motion carried.

Planning Commission – The PC meeting scheduled for 1/18/24 was canceled.

Kraft Municipal Group- None

Road Report- Blades have been replaced on the plow truck. More salt has been ordered. Solicitor Hartman recommends only trimming trees within the Township ROW.

Old Business- None

New Business- Chairman Wolfe made a motion to appoint John Gibbel to the PC for a 4 year term. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool. Motion carried.

Solicitor- Solicitor Hartman thanked the Township for allowing his firm to continue representing the Township in 2024.

Action Items-

- a. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to grant the time extension requested by C2C Design Group on behalf of The Timberline Group until the 4/24/24 BOS meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe to adopt Resolution 6-2024 which designates Elizabeth Miller as the alternate delegate to the Berks County Tax Collection Committee. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool and the motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Chairman Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Pool to grant the release of \$259,194.95 in the form of a Letter of Credit being held by Fulton Bank for the Todd LaFollette poultry operation. Motion carried.

Public Comment- The ZHB application fee was raised to \$500.00 at the Reorganization meeting.

Escrows that are held in a LOC form are not included in the monthly treasurer reports that are provided.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Townships Junkyard Ordinance and the portion of the JZO as it relates to Millcreek Motors Works. Concerns about how many junk cars are being kept on the property were raised by resident Matt Heifer. Solicitor Hartman explained that the intent of the Junkyard Ordinance is to provide for health and safety regulations. The JZO is a land use regulation that provides for setbacks and guidelines for intensity of use. The junkyard has been in existence prior to the adoption of the JZO and therefore has a constitutional property right that is protected. It is Solicitor Hartman's opinion that there is currently not enough information to determine that there has been a change in use or increased density. He recommends that the resident discuss his concerns with the property owner. There was also a discussion about the boundaries of the property and how the property is deeded. Solicitor Hartman recommends expanding the license application to include boundaries. The license is exclusive to North Heidelberg Township under the Junkyard Ordinance.

Resident Walter Stewart is concerned about the water runoff from Heidelberg Farms Lane to North Heidelberg Road. Supervisor Klinger will address the problem with Engineer Rhode.

Solicitor Hartman is aware of the non-conforming driveway on Sheidy Rd.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 28, 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 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Barry Goodhart
2. Kloma Kalbach
3. John Kissling
4. Jim Tomanelli
5. Walter Stewart
6. Jeff Schatz
7. John Gibbel
8. Jeff Schlaybach
9. Randy Lutz
10. Matt Heifer