

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 26, 2025

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 Supervisor Klinger and Supervisor Pool. Also in attendance was Township Secretary Tanya Taatjes.

Minutes – The minutes from the January 22, 2025 BOS meeting were reviewed. Supervisor Pool 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. Supervisor Pool 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 January was reviewed by Supervisor Pool.

Correspondence-

- a. The annual Liquid Fuels payment is scheduled to be deposited on 3/3/25 in the amount of \$109,932.16. This is a slight increase from 2024.

Planning Commission – The PC meeting scheduled for 02/13/25 was canceled.

Kraft Municipal Group – None

Road Report- The roadcrew has been busy clearing trees. The Township is extremely low on salt and has used its quota from Costars. Approximately 17 tons of salt was purchased from Jefferson Township and a shipment is being ordered from Chemical Equipment Labs. The Township currently mixes two parts salt to one part anti-skid. Each weather event uses anywhere from 15-25 tons of salt. An NOV was issued for 55 Kricks Mill Rd for an improper driveway installation.

Old Business- None

New Business-

- a. A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was signed on 2/18/25 to purchase road salt.
- b. A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger to accept the estimate from Homestead Woodworking to have the bulletin board repaired. The cost for repairs is \$575.00. Supervisor Pool seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- c. Proposals to have a water softener installed were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Klinger to accept the estimate from Earl Musser Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$3,300.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pool. Motion carried.

- d. Chief Kissling would like the Township to consider a real estate tax credit for fire fighters that live within the Township and own property. The credit would be either a percentage of taxes paid or capped at a certain amount. Supervisor Pool requested an example from another Township and it was suggested that all Townships in the surrounding area adopt the same credit. Chief Kissling also suggested imposing a fire tax to address the need for income. There was a discussion about imposing a flat tax rather than a tax based on millage. The fire company was out twice for issues with the propane tank at the Township building.

Solicitor- None

Action Items

- a. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool to authorize advertising of the Ordinance to increase the Board of Supervisors pay to \$100 per meeting effective 1/1/26. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Supervisor Pool to adopt the Resolution to update the fee schedule for the Zoning Hearing Board. The application fee will now be \$1,500.00 and there will be no escrow account required. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Klinger and the motion carried.

Public Comment- There was a discussion about the increase in bills and the budget. There was also a discussion about the amount of salt used over the season. If necessary, the Township may decide to do less roadwork in the spring. Resident Walter Stewart would like the roadcrew to look at the ice and drainage issues on Heidelberg Farms Lane and North Hill Rd.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Bills- A motion was made by Supervisor Pool and seconded by Supervisor Klinger to pay bills and adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

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| 1. Jeff Schatz | 8. Randy Lutz |
| 2. Eric Kleinsmith | 9. Russell Getz |
| 3. Jim Tomanelli | 10. Brad Franks |
| 4. Walter Stewart | 11. Matthew Felbeck |
| 5. Pat Bates | 12. John Kissling |
| 6. Jeff Schlaybach | |
| 7. John Gibbel | |

