

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD  
FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

**PRESENT:** David Randler, Tom Schoener, Terry Wolfe, Randy Yoh, David Manbeck, Solicitor Haws, Brian Thumm, Gerry Ochs, Brenda Bennick, Larry Wiacik, Kenneth Kissinger, Sean Kissinger, Tim Porter, Randy Leibig, Deborah Kissinger, David Johnson, Joe Purfield and Carol Keppley.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**GERRY OCHS** – Gerry presented the Supervisors with the 2012 Pioneer Hose Report. Discussion on the arrival of radios in March, first area will be Zone 4 as they have the largest area.

**KENNETH KISSINGER, SEAN KISSINGER, DEBORAH KISSINGER, RANDY LEIBIG** – Mr. Kissinger presented copies of EIT taxes he and his employees are paying. Mr. Kissinger stated he has approximately one truck delivery per week of granite to his residence on Hill Rd.. John Stine, Zoning Officer from Technicon visited the site on Hill Rd. and in his report dated Feb. 27 stated that Mr. Kissinger is in violation of the Heidelberg Township Joint Zoning Ordinance and recommends the Supervisors grant authorization to issue a Stop Work Cease and Desist Notice of Violation letter giving Mr. Kissinger 30 days to comply.

**BRENDA BENNICK, Larry Wiacek and Tim Porter** – All neighbors of Mr. Kissinger stated they have no problem with Mr. Kissinger running a business from his residence. Chairman Randler also read a letter from Mike Yoh, neighbor, also stating that he had no issues with the business.

**DEBORAH KISSINGER** – Mrs. Kissinger said that Mr. Kissinger stated in court last March that he had moved the business to Womelsdorf. Mrs. Kissinger wants Mr. Kissinger to vacate the property as she wants to sell the house. **Sean Kissinger** stated he is working on a street rod at the Womelsdorf location – not his father. Mr. Kissinger stated he doesn't have the money to make the improvements to the Womelsdorf location at the present time. Chairman Randler stated that if there is any legal action is Mrs. Kissinger aware that as part owner of the Hill Rd. property, she will be involved. Solicitor Haws stated an agreement is needed outlining a time frame. The Supervisors agreed to work with him till the end of the year. Solicitor Haws will draft an agreement. John Stine will also be notified. Mrs. Kissinger stated she would like a copy of agreement and all correspondence.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of January 31, 2013 meeting were circulated. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to approve the January 31, 2013 minutes as circulated. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Carol Keppley, Treasurer, circulated the February treasurers report. Chairman Randler made a motion to approve the February treasurers report, seconded by Supv. Yoh and passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. Chairman Randler made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

SEWER – No report.

POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT., PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Both reports were circulated. Fire Police appointment was tabled till more information is received.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in February. Received a submittal for the White Subdivision. This will be discussed at the March 6 meeting.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – Report circulated. Discussion on the \$1,800 estimate for repair to the salt shed roof. Supv. Wolfe asked if another estimate was received. Chairman Randler stated that there was only one. Supv. Wolfe stated that in the future more than one estimate should be presented. All agreed to have Ken Hibshman buff the floors sometime in the spring. Chairman Randler will talk to Sam regarding fire extinguisher prices. Chairman Randler said barriers are needed in the salt shed. All agreed to purchase 6 cement bins for the salt shed.

RECREATION BOARD – Supv. Wolfe stated there are grants available for building of parks – such as: trees, walkways, green park area etc. Supv. Wolfe said the Township could use the land on W. Ryeland Rd. Supv. Manbeck stated input from the neighbors would be helpful.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

ENGINEERING REPORT – TEI report circulated.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report circulated.

COG – Sam reported that the blades on the chipper were damaged by Wernersville. This is the second time they were damaged. Secretary to write letter to Wernersville Borough Council requesting reimbursement for repairs to the chipper.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE COUNCIL – No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Employee handbook. – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

JOINT ZONING – No report.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE LAW SUIT – No report.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED**

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING – Chairman Randler signed the DEP contract awarding Heidelberg Township \$32,069.00. We also received \$2,556.10 rebate from Lebanon Farms for recycling during 2012.

ZONING ISSUES – Outstanding zoning issues – Painter, Kline & Kissinger. Mr. Kissinger will be given to the end of the year to move his business. Mr. Kissling was given till June 27, 2013 to clean up his property or the Township will have the work done and place a lien on the property.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BRIDGES – No report.

BETHANY – No report.

C.W. LITTLE SCOUTS – Secretary was instructed to send letter regarding landscaping.

OUTDOOR WOOD BURNERS – A sample Ordinance was circulated. Supv. Schoener stated he thinks it is a good idea and Solicitor Haws agreed. All to review sample ordinance till next meeting.

TOWNSHIP MAP – Tabled till next meeting.

FURNACE CREEK FRY MANOR FLOODING – Received letter from DEP stating they cannot offer assistance because of the limited extent and frequency of flood damage to houses along Furnace Creek and the extensive costs of constructing compacted-earth levees, etc. DEP cannot justify the expenditure that would be required to provide effective flood protection to this area.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

See attached.

**NEW BUSINESS**

WILLIS WENGER – Discussion on the off-premises sign and the man living in a camper on the property. These items were tabled till next meeting.

TAX COLLECTOR ORDINANCE – Carol Keppley will get Solicitor Haws the information to draft an ordinance. Carol would like to increase the rate of the certification fee from \$15 to \$25 and increase the rate of the return check fee. Duplicate fee would remain the same at \$5.

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE - Received the contract for 2013. They are requesting \$1,000 a year. Chairman Randler made a motion to execute the 2013 contract with the budgeted contribution of \$300. Motion seconded by Supv. Yoh and passed unanimously.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – Solicitor Haws will look into this. Secretary to forward the current Comcast contract.

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JOE PURFIELD – Joe is planning on taking a criminal course, however the cost must be billed to the municipality. Joe will reimburse Heidelberg Township for all costs. All agreed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Schoener and seconded by Chairman Randler. Time 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Keppley, Treasurer

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 28, 2013**