

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD  
APRIL 25, 2019**

**PRESENT:** David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Terry Wolfe, David Manbeck, Brian Thumm, Robert Keppley, Carol Keppley, Chief Stone, Solicitor Haws, Kevin Snyder, Geneva Aulenbach and Cheryl Bowers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Randler with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Nothing

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 29, 2019 meeting were circulated. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

**WORKSHOP MINUTES:** The minutes of the Workshop Meeting of April 11, 2019 were circulated. Supv. Schoener stated he would like to see the minutes corrected regarding his statement about the pool. It should have read; Supv. Schoener would not have agreed with the motion to donate to the pool without discussion. It was stated in the minutes that he would have voted no, knowing the man hours the road crew spent at the pool. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of April 11, 2019, with above correction. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Carol Keppley circulated the April treasurers report. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to approve the April treasurers report, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and approved unanimously. Discussion on interest rate at Jonestown Bank.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

SEWER – Supv. Wolfe stated an 81 year old resident of Fry Manor called him asking when the seeding was going to be completed. She told Supv. Wolfe that she had contacted Chairman Randler and he told her he was not on the sewer committee and that she should contact Supv. Wolfe.

Chairman Randler stated the sewer is over allocation and eventually DEP will step in.

There is still infiltration and no one knows exactly where or why. The video was done after repairs.

Supv. Schoener stated that Ebert Engineer should put specs together and finish the job.

Supv. Thumm asked who is in charge of the Sewer Committee.

Chairman Randler stated that the agreement is with Robesonia NOT the Robesonia/Wernersville Authority. Robesonia tells the sewer plant what to bill Heidelberg Township. Solicitor Haws had agreements from 1987, 1974, 1991 and 2014. He will see that the Secretary receives copies.

SEWER COMMITTEE –Supv. Manbeck made a motion to appoint Supv. Thumm and Supv. Schoener to the sewer committee. Motion died as there was not a second.

Supv. Thumm stated he thinks Chairman Randler should be on the Sewer Committee.

Supv. Schoener made a motion to appoint Chairman Randler and Supv. Thumm to the Sewer Committee. Chairman Randler said he will not accept the appointment as there seems to be a trust issue with him.

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**SEWER CONTINUED**

Chairman Randler made a motion to appoint Supv. Schoener and Supv. Thumm to the Sewer Committee, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

**POLICE & FIRE** – The April report and May schedule were circulated. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the May schedule, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

Supv. Thumm made a motion to request the Fire Police for the Conrad Weiser Homestead Craft shows on May 4, 2019 and Sept. 28, 2019. Motion seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously. Chief Stone stated he was asked to have a children's ID table for the Family Dollar Store open house on Saturday. Chief Stone also stated he would like to replace the carpet in the police office over the summer. He will get prices.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – There was no meeting in April.

**ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP.** – Report circulated. Chairman Randler will talk to Harvey at Robesonia Borough regarding sweeping the streets. Bid specs will be mailed on April 29. Supv. Schoener reported he and Chairman Randler met with representatives from the State and County regarding the Rt. 419 bridge replacement. They are 5-6 years away from starting the project. They are currently dealing with the farmers, and currently making repairs to the bridge. Supv. Schoener said grass seed has been planted in Fry Manor and the curb replacement will wait till after the project is completely finished.

**RECREATION BOARD** – Equipment from the pool was brought back to the Township. Supv. Wolfe and Manbeck will look at the placement of the equipment on the Township field. A thank you note will be sent to Bethany.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** – No report.

**BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT** – Jerry Farro issued permits for Ray Crespo (deck & retaining wall) and the Nevin Schlegel (new home).

**ENGINEERS REPORT** – emailed.

**PLUMBING & SEO** – emailed.

**PENSION BOARD** – Chairman Randler stated the Pension Board needs to meet with Kevin Doyle of the IFS Group. Everything has been completed and in order.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

ZONING ISSUES - All agreed to have Quinn look at the Kissling property the next time he is in Heidelberg Township. Conlon's – all agreed to have Quinn go ahead and charge Mr. Conlon and send a NOV to Mr. Blankenbiller. Supv. Thumm stated he will go visit DJ Ann Young and try to resolve the problem she has with Heidelberg Township.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

See attached

**NEW BUSINESS**

ZERMAN/AUCHENBACH FENCE ISSUE - Mr. Zerman send an email to the Township stating that the Auchenbach fence was put on his property. At the time of the issuance of a Zoning Permit, Frank Scene had Mr. Zerman and other neighbors sign a letter stating the fence will be put 6-8 inches off the property line. Mr. Zerman states it was put over the line on his property. Frank Schnee discussed this with Tom Achenbach of AKA Fencing and Tom assured Frank they found the pins and the fence was not on Zerman's property. Secretary to respond to Mr. Zerman and tell him AKA Fencing found the pins at the time the fence was installed and the Township does not get involved in property disputes.

BUILDING CODE RESOLUTION - Received information from the PA Association of Building Code Officials who is working to defeat State House Bill 349. This proposed legislation would require municipalities that contract agencies for code enforcement to provide property owners a choice of at least two code inspectors. After much discussion Chairman Randler stated he did not agree with opposing the legislation and limit the property owner's ability to choose their own building inspector. Chairman Randler stated that completion is good. This was tabled.

At this time Chairman Randler called for an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and personnel. Time 9:03 PM

The meeting was reconvened at 9:41 PM – No action was taken.

Supv. Thumm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl L. Bowers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD  
APRIL 11, 2019**

**PRESENT:** David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Brian Thumm, David Manbeck, Terry Wolfe, Robert and Carol Keppley, Kevin Snyder, Dana & Sean Sweeney, Solicitor Haws and Cheryl Bowers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Randler with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

KEVIN SNYDER – Mr. Snyder is representing the Conrad Weiser Community Pool and introduced Dana and Sean Sweeney, active volunteers at the pool. Mr. Snyder read a statement stating how well the pool did last year. He stated, at times they needed extra lifeguards, more food was needed and parking overflowed the parking lots. Mr. Snyder stated they could not have done it without the support from businesses, private donation from families, municipalities. Community support has been overwhelming and also truly appreciates the help from Heidelberg Township.

Supv. Wolfe stated that he wants to be perfectly clear that no one is against the pool, regardless of what might be heard on the street. The issue is that municipal workers were being pulled from doing township work to work at the pool without the knowledge of the other Supervisors. This is tax payer's money being spent.

Supv. Thumm stated the pool looks like a country club. He suggested offering free swimming lessons to the Conrad Weiser kids. This offer could boost enrollment. Kevin Snyder stated that is a good idea.

Supv. Schoener stated he received a call from a resident and asked why the township guys were working at the pool. Supv. Schoener said he contacted Larry Knoll and was told Chairman Randler told him they were to install the donated playground equipment and it turned into two full days of work along with the Township equipment. This equated to approximately 40 man hours. Supv. Schoener stated if he had known that at the time, he might have voted no to donating \$2,000 to the pool. Supv. Schoener stated he also has nothing against the pool and wishes them well; however there was a lot of time donated last year also.

Kevin Snyder stated that last year they may have spent 3 days at the pool. He also said he thought this was a group effort and now the pool is taking the blunt of it and no one is out for personal gain.

Supv. Thumm said if the Township hadn't taken over the pool it would have closed and been an eyesore to the community.

Kevin Snyder said he would like to square up and move forward and does not want any negativity. He also stated that the fields at Womelsdorf, South Heidelberg and Conrad Weiser elementary are all mowed and treated by the municipalities and school; however the field at Heidelberg Township building is done by the soccer club. He questioned why the field on Ryeland Rd. is maintained by the Township. Supv. Wolfe stated that it is owned by the Township and if the property would ever be sold, all proceeds would have to be given back to the state and the football building is maintained by the football club.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – Solicitor Haw sent out an email and in it he stated that the Township should check with the insurance carrier regarding the installation of the playground equipment at the pool and other municipal property. Chairman Randler read an email from Morrissey Insurance which states; Confirming our conversation about the playground equipment that is being placed at the Township building and the pool. Selective will not need to make an additional charge for the equipment as these items are considered typical to a municipality. If you wish to cover the equipment for damage to the equipment itself that that would be an additional cost based on the value. The General Liability

Policy for the pool already provides coverage for a playground/park classification so IF the equipment is in the same area as the other equipment, there are no additional costs. If the equipment will be placed at a separate location, than we would need to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> playground/park classification and charge a pro-rated premium of the \$433 annual premium.

Supv. Manbeck stated after discussion regarding the donation to the pool it was followed up with Chairman Randler stating that the township employees will be doing the work. There was no vote, just discussion. Supv. Thumm agreed with Supv. Manbeck. No one else remembered or heard this.

Supv. Wolfe asked who ordered Larry and crew to go to the pool. Supv. Schoener said he talked to Larry and Larry said he didn't know anything about it until Chairman Randler called and ordered him to go to the pool. Chairman Randler stated he is not president of the Conrad Weiser Community Pool any more. Supv. Thumm asked what projects was the road crew pulled off. Supv. Schoener stated there is a lot to do around the municipality at this time of year, pot holes, seeding the residents on Jackie Ave. preparing for DEP grant, etc.

Solicitor Haws stated he thinks the issue is communication and suggested someone figure out how to coordinate between everyone.

Supv. Schoener said he stops in 3-4 times a week to check in with Larry.

Chairman Randler stated he calls Supervisors Thumm and Manbeck since Supervisors Schoener and Wolfe said they will not answer any more phone calls from him.

Supv. Schoener said that is a false statement about not answering the phone.

Supv. Wolfe stated the Chairman Randler controls the votes.

He stated that when Chairman Randler calls the Supervisors, how does anyone know that he says the same thing to each of them. Supv. Wolfe stated he knows why there is so much tension, the SRO issue is still bothering Chairman Randler, when the vote was taken to hire the SRO, three members knew exactly how they were going to vote prior to the meeting, then 3 days later an emergency meeting was called and the vote was reversed, with no explanation as to what had changed in those three days.

SEWER – Supv. Schoener asked if Chairman Randler had a contract with the contractor that did the work on Jackie Ave. Chairman Randler said no he did not, it was time and materials. Discussion on who has the videos from Captain Clog. Chairman Randler said they can be obtained from Captain Clog and sent to the engineers. Chairman Randler stated that the longer we sit and argue we keep going backward; the sewer is going to go broke.

Supv. Schoener asked Chairman Randler if he has contacted Robesonia Municipal Authority regarding infiltration and Chairman Randler said no.

Supv. Schoener stated that we should have the professionals study the problem and forward them the invoices which have been copied. Supv. Schoener made a motion to authorize Fred Ebert Engineering to contact Captain Clog for the video and proceed with reviewing the invoices from the Robesonia/Wernersville Municipal Authority. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously. It was decided to hold Captain Clog's check till the videos are obtained.

Chairman Randler told Supv. Wolfe that he cannot retrieve the phone information to prove to him that he did contact A.H. Moyer.

Since Chairman Randler resigned from the sewer committee at the March meeting, that committee remains vacant.

ROAD BIDS- Secretary circulated the 2019 Road Bid Specs for all to review. Jenn will forward them to Charlie Paris for his approval then we will advertise the bids. Crack sealing will be postponed till later in the year.

PENSION PLANS – Chairman Randler reported that everything has been completed with both Larry and Chief Stone's pension plan except that Carol did not send the Conrad Seigel invoice to the investment company for the old Police Pension Fund. Carol said she didn't remember receiving the bill. Since Carol resigned from the Pension Plan Board it took till the last minute for anything to get done. Carol stated that both she and the Secretary reminded him this needed to be done. Chairman Randler stated he has spent approximately 40-60 hours on the pension plan. Carol said if something is wrong with the pension plan she knows it will come back on her.

Bob Keppley stated that in his opinion, Chairman Randler is harassing the employees. Chairman Randler said he was not.

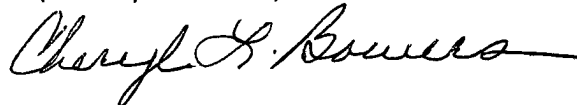
LAPE RESIDENCE – Mrs. Lape at 324 Hill Road has made requests over the years for the Township to dredge the stream so it does not continue to come on her property. Secretary reported that Representative Cox called the office after talking to Norman Brunner, Mrs. Lape's brother-in-law. Ginger from Rep. Cox's office said Frank Lynch of DEP will be contacting this office about emergency permits or other solutions to the problem.

Secretary received all information to apply for a DEP General Permit 3. After much discussion, it was decided that the Township cannot get involved and the Supervisors directed the Secretary to contact Norman Brunner with the DEP information and the property owner can proceed with applying for a permit.

Supv. Schoener stated the employees should all be thanked for the work they do.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Thumm, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously. Time-9:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl L. Bowers", written in a cursive style.

Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary