

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013**

PRESENT: David Randler, Tom Schoener, Terry Wolfe, David Manbeck, David Nelson, Carol Keppley, Brian Thumm, Dennis Manbeck, Joe Purfield, Rebecca Gellor, Bridget Souders, Solicitor Haws and Cheryl Bowers.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

BRIDGET SOUDERS of the ROESONIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY – Bridget circulated information on events happening at the library. Bridget reported that there are 212 active borrowers from Heidelberg Township. The library received \$13,325 total from Robesonia, North Heidelberg and Heidelberg Township for a final income of \$110,000, with expenses of \$102,000. 43,604 visits to the library occurred in 2012. Bridget invited all to visit the library.

Supv. Wolfe asked Bridget if she was asking for an increase in our contribution. Bridget stated that would be surely appreciated, however new patrons are the link to all libraries.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 29, 2013 were circulated. Chairman Randler made a motion to approve the August 29, 2013 minutes, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. Supv. Wolfe asked what the Cincinnati invoice was for. Treasurer Carol Keppley stated that is the workers comp. and commercial umbrella insurance. Chairman Randler made a motion to pay the bills as presented, with the exception of the AT&T invoice as we will be receiving a credit. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

BUDGET MEETING: All agreed on setting the 2014 budget preparation meeting for Oct. 17 at 6:30PM. Secretary to advertise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – After discussion it was decided to attend the next meeting of the Robesonia Municipal Authority to discuss the new agreement. One agreement has expired and the other one will expire next year. The Robesonia Municipal's next meeting is Oct. 9 at 6PM. Supv. Wolfe made a motion authorizing the advertisement of this meeting as there might be a quorum in attendance. Motion seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT. PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Reports circulated. Discussion on the Law Enforcement Survey – Secretary to make copies for the police committee. Received a request for Fire Police for Oct. 12 for the Conrad Weiser Music Assoc. for their 10th Cavalcade of Bands Event. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the request for Fire Police for the Oct. 12 event. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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PLANNING COMMISSION – No meeting in September.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. –There will be a storm water retrofit program will be presented on Oct. 18 at the Berks Ag. Center. Sam and John will be notified to see if they are interested in attending.

RECREATION BOARD – Supv. Wolfe reported he talked with Supv. Yoh about sending a letter to the Friends of Conrad Weiser Park stating we are in favor of having a permanent Frisbee golf course set up at the park. The park rejected their request for a permanent Frisbee golf course, they do allow them to have a tournament once a year. Chairman Randler stated the soccer club is interested in having a practice field on the north side of W. Ryeland Rd. The soccer club will get back to us. Supv. Schoener reported the rain gutters on the football shed are up and trees will be planted soon. Discussion on next year's Robesonia playground. It was decided to wait till next summer and see how many children attend the playground and Heidelberg Township would pay their fair share.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Received today a request for a Zoning Hearing from Willis Wenger.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Jerry issued permits for solar panels at the Hartraker/Heimback residence.

ENGINEERING REPORT – Emailed to all.

PLUMBING & SEO – Emailed to all.

COG – No report.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE COUNCIL – No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JOINT ZONING – No report.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE LAW SUIT – No report.

SOLID WASTE – We received \$557.00 from Lebanon Farms for May, June, July recycling and we received \$15,878.83 which is a portion of the \$35,000 DEP grant.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

ZONING ISSUES – John Stine has filed citations on Kerry Kline, James & Dianne painter, Wm. & Janet Sheidy. A Notice of Violation was sent to Bruce Werner. Jerome Kissling has not completed his cleanup. Kenny Kissinger has to the end of the year to move his business.

BRUBAKERS - Jerro Farro was at the site and was told they will be finished in 6 weeks.

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE ORDINANCE - ***ORDINANCE #168 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HEIDELBERG, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL, REPAIR, OR DEMOLITION OF ANY STRUCTURES DANGEROUS TO THE HEALTH, MORALS, SAFETY, OR GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HEIDELBERG: FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF REMOVAL, REPAIR, OR DEMOLITION THEREOF AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR ASSESSMENT AGAINST SUCH PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF SUCH COSTS IN AN ACTION AT LAW; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.***

Supv. Wolfe made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE #168 – Dangerous Structures, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Copies will be forwarded to John Stine and Solicitor Haws.

BETHANY – No report.

C. W. LITTLE SCOUTS – See Recreation Board

TOWNSHIP MAP – Information is needed for early November.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – Secretary to invite Liz Sterner to attend a meeting.

COMPUTER SUPPORT/WEB PAGE – Joe Purfield showed the Supervisors a sample of the proposed web page. Supv. Wolfe asked if we would need an IT person. Joe said yes, he will come up with a proposal for both the web page and IT support.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS – A sample ordinance was emailed to all. Dennis Manbeck stated that the sample ordinance stated the inspections would require buildings to comply with all building codes. Mr. Manbeck asked if the Township was going into all residential properties in the Township and inspect them too. Chairman Randler stated that this proposed ordinance will help rental properties from falling into disrepair which in turn would bring down property values, plus the inspection would ensure the safety of the tenants. The inspections would be something like; smoke detectors, all windows must open, railings fastened, etc. Solicitor Haws stated that an ordinance can be tailored to meet whatever the Supervisors deem necessary. Brian Thumm stated that most property owners care more about their properties than the landlords do. Supv. Schoener this will also provide the Township with the names of all tenants which we do not have at this time and will prevent the use of single homes as multiple-family dwellings.

Dennis Manbeck asked if a committee can be formed to look into this proposed ordinance.

COUNTY CONVENTION – No one is interested.

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CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

NEW BUSINESS

SOUTH HEIDELBERG 100TH ANNIVERSARY – All agreed not to advertise in a commemorative booklet.

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE AGREEMENT FOR 2014 – Supv. Manbeck made a motion to execute the 2014 agreement for the Animal Rescue League and to contribute \$300.00 and not the \$1,000.00 requested, motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

At this time 9:27 PM an Executive Session was called by Chairman Randler to discuss personnel.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:10 PM

Chairman Randler reported that at the new Dunkin Donuts site in Womelsdorf there is soil we can have.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Bowers
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: OCT. 31, 2013