

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
OCTOBER 31, 2013**

PRESENT: David Randler, David Manbeck, Randy Yoh, Thomas Schoener, Solicitor Haws, David Nelson, Carol Keppley, Paul Radcliffe, Keith Fessler, Jacob Bechtel, Shelly Bechtel, Pat Bechtel, Eugene and Randall Burkholder, Robert Keppley, Joe Purfield and Cheryl Bowers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

PAT BECHTEL, JAKE & SHELLY BECHTEL – Pat Bechtel owns mountain land off East Ryeland Rd. and Jake and Shelly Bechtel own a cabin adjoining Pat's property. They are concerned that a neighbor, Randy Fraser is threatening to close the road and they will have no access to their properties. Pat Bechtel stated that the Bechtel family owned both properties for over 60 years and the road has always been open to the property owners and was assumed if you owned mountain land you had a right of way. Solicitor Haws stated the Township has no legal authority on this matter and recommended there are various ways to go about it and that the Bechtel's should hire an attorney and obtain a declaration from a judge for a right of way. It was also suggested that they check their deeds to make sure there is or isn't a legal right of way. Bob Keppley stated that at one time that was a Township Road but was turned back to the landowners.

PAUL RADCLIFFE – Mr. Radcliffe had the questions on the proposed rental ordinance. Chairman Randler stated that nothing has been adopted and the Township is in the very preliminary stages of a rental ordinance. Chairman Randler explained the reason for such an ordinance; safety issues, property values, census information, secure handrails, receptacles, GFIs, smoke detectors and room size. Chairman Randler also said the inspections could be every two years and when there is a tenant change. The property owner would be responsible for the cost of inspection. Keith Fessler asked where are all the complaints coming from and that he doesn't want any more government control. Mr. Fessler also stated some people will rent a property regardless of the condition the property is in. Eugene Burkholder said he is not in favor of it. After much discussion Chairman Randler stated again that this is in the preliminary stages and the Supervisors can determine exactly what they want inspected.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting were circulated. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the September 26, 2013 minutes with the addition of the statement that all properties will be inspected during road inspection. Motion seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously.

ROBESONIA MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING – Oct. 9, 2013. Chairman Randler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting with Robesonia Municipal Authority held Oct. 9, 2013. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

BUDGET PREPARATION MEETING – Oct. 17, 2013. Chairman Randler made a motion to approve the budget meeting held October 17, 2013, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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

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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. Yoh and passed unanimously.

At this time Treasurer Carol Keppley circulated the proposed 2014 budget. All Supervisors to review till next month and at that time there will be changes or a vote to adopt the 2014 budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – The Supervisors attended the Robesonia Municipal Authority meeting to determine how Robesonia arrived at the new costs. The one contract has not expired. Received a Water Quality Management Permit for the Robesonia/Wernersville Municipal Authority. Solicitor Haws reviewed and determined we do not need to respond.

POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT., PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY - There was no Police Report. Sam's report was circulated. The Law Enforcement Survey is still outstanding. Chairman Randler to contact Mike Palm regarding Emergency Management. Mr. Palm is the coordinator for Wernersville and Robesonia.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in Oct.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – Report circulated.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Chairman Randler reported that Mr. Wenger came in for one variance and received 7.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Jerry issued one permit for solar panels on Texter Mountain Rd.

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report circulated.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report circulated.

COG – No report.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE COUNCIL – No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JOINT ZONING – No report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE Law Suit – No report.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING – No report.

ZONING ISSUES – Citations have been filed on Kline, Sheidy and Painter. A hearing for Painter will be Dec. 3 at 3:45 pm. A Notice of Violation was sent to Bruce Werner on Ryeland Rd. Mr. Werner spoke to John Stein and requested a 6 mo. extension. He will be demolishing the residence and needs time to clean it out. Supv. Yoh made a motion to grant Bruce Werner a 6 month extension, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously. Secretary to send Mr. Werner a letter and copy to John Stine.

BRUBAKERS – Jerry Farro was told the project will be done in 6 weeks. Secretary to talk to Jerry as the 6 weeks are up.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BRIDGES – No report.

BETHANY – Secretary to check the agreement as to how long we must hold the escrow.

C.W. LITTLE SCOUTS – Supv. Schoener reported that the neighbor stated he didn't want trees planted because of the leaves, however Supv. Schoener said he will plant some trees.

TOWNSHIP MAP – No report.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – No report.

COMPUTER SUPPORT (IT) – Joe Purfield reviewed his proposal and recommended removing the server. Chairman Randler asked since we have a Dell account to keep Dell products. After much discussion, Supv. Schoener made a motion to move forward and appoint Joe Purfield as the new IT person, seconded by Supv. Yoh and passed unanimously. Joe is also working on the web page.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS – See Audience Participation.

FURNACE CREEK DAM BREACH – Solicitor reviewed correspondence regarding the breach and determined we do not need to respond.

WHITE ACRES SUBDIVISION – Received copy of letter from Technicon to South Heidelberg Township.

CORRESPONDENCE

See Attached

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NEW BUSINESS

TEACHER STRIKE – Secretary received a call wanting to know if they need any permits. Officer Purfield talked to them when he attended a meeting at the school. They cannot stop traffic – road or pedestrian and no permit is needed.

REAPPOINTMENTS – The following people are up for reappointment in Dec: Planning Commission – Terry Wolfe, Zoning Hearing Board – Dennis Miller and Recreation Board – David McQuate.

At this time an executive session was called to discuss personnel. Time: 9:23 pm.
The meeting was reconvened at 10:30 pm

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chairman Randler, seconded by Supv. Yoh and passed unanimously. Time: 10:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 21 – 7:30 PM

DECEMBER MEETING – DECEMBER 19