

MINUTES - HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
January 25, 2023

PRESENT: David Randler, Terry Wolfe, Andrew George, Officer Matt Hook, Nicole Werner, Lori Brown, Thomas Schoener, Kevin Snyder, Ryan Zerbe, Bob Martin, Mike Martin, Eileen Zerbe, Geneva Berger, John Muir, Esq. Officer Hackney, Josh Babura, Wanda Bond, Matt Yoh II, John Christion, Eileen Zerbe, Michele Davis

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randler at 7:30pm

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Geneva Berger – no comment

Eileen Zerbe - no comment

Michele Davis – no comment

John Muir - Discussed Zerman. Volunteer firefighter ontracted covid and passed. Fire company hired John Muir. Mr. Zerman is not represented by Solicitor Muir for Workers Comp. Solicitor Muir filed to attempt to obtain Emergency and Law Enforcement Death Benefits Act, additional benefit that is offered. Application initially denied. Physician was later hired, prepared report, and testified. Decision has been reversed and hoping it is not appealed by the commonwealth.

Mike Martin, Bob Martin, Ryan Zerbe, Matt Yoh II, John Christion, Wanda Bond - Discuss Fire Company and calls to Heidelberg Township. Sup Schoener, would like to know why we are here, no complaints. Run numbers were brought to us from Womelsdorf Fire Co. after requested. Sup Schoener requested numbers from Pioneer Hose be brought to the township for review. Wants to know if there is a problem we are not aware of and can it be resolved between the two companies. Matt Yoh does not feel there is an issue between the two companies. Chairman Randler stated it was brought to his attention and said response has dwindled from Pioneer Hose. Sup Wolfe agrees with Sup Schoener, there have been no complaints and does not believe we as a township need to “pit” them against each other. Expectation is most people do not care which department arrives for an emergency event. Ryan Zerbe confirmed that the fire companies run each event together. Sup Snyder suggested if there is a staffing issue, communication is key. Discussed option for fundraising and opportunity and volunteer recruitment. Board decision to keep run cards as is.

MINUTES: December 21, 2022 **MOTION** made by Sup Schoener, **SECOND** Sup Snyder. **PASSED** unanimously.

REORGANIZATION MINUTES: January 3, 2023 **MOTION** made by Sup Schoener with the addition of January 3rd added to meeting dates, **SECOND** Sup Snyder. **PASSED** unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: January, 2023 **MOTION** by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Brown. **PASSED** unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: **MOTION** made by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Report- Report provided by Corporal Matt Hook (interim Chief). Will continue to follow up with West Ryeland Road traffic. Report forwarded to Board of Supervisors regarding event on Tulpehocken Forge Rd on January 18th. Officer Hook introduced Mark Hackney, newest member of department. Officer Hackney is a retired police officer from City of Reading. Joined South Heidelberg and is enjoying the environment. He is an army and marine veteran.

Sewer – No Report

Planning Commission – No Report

Roads, Building & Equipment - Fitz Camera quote in the amount of \$13,500 (quote from 2022 was \$14,750) presented to Board of Supervisors. Camera system will be paid out of grant.

MOTION made to purchase camera system from Fritz Security Company in the amount of \$13,500 Sup Snyder, **SECOND** Sup Brown. **PASSED** unanimously.

Personnel – No Report

Recreation Board/Pool - Pool memberships opened silently.

Zoning Hearing Board - No report

Building Inspectors Report - Report Provided by TEI

Engineers Report - Report Provided by TEI

SEO Report - Report Provided by TEI

Zoning Report - Report Provided by TEI

Communications - No report

Solicitor's Report - Report provided by Andrew George, Esq. No response on crossing guard letter (recruiting/hiring/salary). Stormwater Management Ordinance, no fine if past deadline. TEI is working on the ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE: Western Berks Ambulance Report, GFL Monthly Recycling Report, ARRO Water Services Monthly Report, Thank you card from Petsu Family

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 13 Birdsfoot Dr – TEI & Berks County Conservation District had an onsite visit to the property to inspect fill being placed on the property and any damage it may have caused. TEI noted the on lot septic system serving the property is not under fill and appears to be in working order. The Conservation District had noted some requirements regarding E&S and silt fencing. However, NO violations.

Unfinished business continued. . .

- Emergency Management Coordinator update from Secretary Werner. Donald Ebling was agreed to be the Emergency Management Coordinator for Heidelberg Township for one year. This will give the township time to find a more permanent solution.

MOTION was made by Sup Snyder to elect Donald Ebling as the Township Emergency Management Coordinator for calendar year 2023, **SECOND** by Sup Brown. **PASSED** unanimously.

- Lower Heidelberg Bridge – Wetlands Resource Investigation was conducted on November 22, 2022. A report was provided by Rettew and forwarded via email to the Board of Supervisors. Sup Snyder suggested we contact Lower Heidelberg Township regarding the project and the state of their township, possible one on one meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John F Martin & Sons Warehouse, results of PennDOT Scope Approval sent to Heidelberg Twp for review due to traffic pattern. Recommendations from TEI are as follows: BOS to ask Andy George whether the Township has any ability to request that Millcreek Twp include in their project approvals conditions that truck traffic **MUST** utilize 419 to get to Route 422 (no use of local streets permitted) and if so, what does enforcement of that look like, inquire with the applicant's traffic engineer regarding the concerns above regarding timing of traffic, non JF martin traffic, and whether roads other than 422 are utilized for their routes once they head east. Recommendation from Solicitor George are as follows: consider and require initially before we get into this, is JF Martin signing an agreement to reimburse the Township for engineering and legal fees.

MOTION for proposals from TEI and Solicitor George to be forwarded to John F. Martin Snyder by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

- Police Pension review - IFS January \$242,587 and November \$215,631.78 reports provided to Board of Supervisors. Pension fund is losing profit. Mike Boyer will begin drawing from the pension on 7/1/2027. Sandra Perrotto's payments will begin again on 1/27/2023, forwarded to guardian's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session closed at 9:14pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Sup Brown, **SECOND** by Sup. Snyder, **PASSED** unanimously at 9:15pm

**Next meeting will be held on February 22, 2023 at 7:30pm,
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Werner, Township Secretary