

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD  
APRIL 28, 2016**

**PRESENT:** David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Terry Wolfe, David Manbeck, Brian Thumm, Solicitor Haws, Carol Keppley, Robert Keppley, Bonnie Page, Michelle Lynch, Gregory Stricker, Charles Brown, Glen High, Laverne High and Cheryl Bowers.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**GREG STRICKER** – Mr. Stricker is seeking guidance on how to proceed with building a house on his parent's dairy farm at 3880 N. Church St., Wernersville. It is a 160 acre parcel and is in the Ag Preservation. On March 23, 2016 a letter was sent from Frank Schnee stating that under the Heidelberg Joint Zoning Ordinance Sec. 308.C it is an allowed use, however a Special Exception Hearing must be held.

Supv. Manbeck stated he spoke to Forrest Stricker, Greg's father and that he explained to him how to proceed. Supv. Wolfe said he should get the go ahead from Land Preservation and Clean & Green first.

**GLENN & LAVERNE HIGH** – Mr. High is proposing to construct a free stall barn, a manure storage tank, a bio-retention basin and demolish and replace a bunker silo on the 105.85 acre farm located at 455 Bunker Hill Rd. The Planning Commission at their meeting on April 6, 2016 approved all waivers as outlined in the Red Barn Consultants letter dated March 1, 2016 and approved the final land development plan with contingents and are recommending to the Supervisors.

Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the waivers requested in the Red Barn Consultant letter dated March 1, 2016, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the final land development of Glenn High dairy operation contingent upon all items satisfied in the Technicon Enterprises review letter dated March 1, 2016 and receipt of a Letter of Credit (\$82,948.00) and storm water escrow (\$1,000.00). Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

Plans will be held until all is satisfied.

**WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE**

**BONNIE PAGE** – Bonnie Page reported that Western Berks responded to 54 calls in Heidelberg Township during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016. She also thanked the Board for their contribution.

**CHARLES BROWN** – Mr. Brown is questioning why the Township continues to have a police force. Mr. Brown stated in municipalities that don't have a police force the property tax rate is lower and it is unfair for residents to pay for local police coverage when the State Police are available.

Supv. Thumm stated that the Conrad Weiser School District, being in the Township, is a primary reason for keeping a local department as the State Police will not provide coverage at schools.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 31, 2016 meeting were circulated. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the March 31, 2016 minutes, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Carol Keppley circulated the April treasurers report. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the April treasurers report, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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**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. Solicitor Haws circulated a letter which will be mailed to the auditor regarding a \$900.00 invoice which we received from the actuary for a disputed report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – No report.

**POLICE & FIRE** – The April report and May schedule were circulated. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to accept the May schedule, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously. Supv. Manbeck stated that after the police vehicle gets new tires he would like to take the old ones. Discussion on a solicitation permit. All agreed that it is not necessary as some do check in with the Township and let them know they will be in the area.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – The April Planning Commission minutes were circulated.

**ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP.** - Supv. Schoener will contact Steve Bright for help in preparing the road specs. Secretary reported she attended a meeting with FEMA regarding grant money for the heavy snow. There are some items outstanding and will be sent to FEMA as soon as possible. Received forms for the County Salt bids for 2016-2017. Secretary will submit the form. Supv. Schoener made a motion to ratify the purchase of a trailer for hauling the mower at a price of \$1,928.00 this includes tags. Motion seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously. Supv. Schoener reported on the new signage at Bunker Hill & Bernville Rd.

**RECREATION BOARD** – Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the request for Dale Witmer to hold a soccer clinic on the soccer field on May 21 which will benefit the C.W. girls soccer team going to Europe. Insurance is in place. Supv. Schoener made a motion to give permission for a soccer clinic be held at the soccer field on May 21, 2016. Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously. Secretary reported talking to Lower Heidelberg Township regarding their new dog park. Their park is divided into two sections – one for large dogs and one for small dogs. During the winter months the area will be used for ice skating on a portable rink. Required is fencing with double gates, water, waste bags and container, possible benches etc. Charles Brown asked who would maintain this venture. Supv. Thumm stated that the municipality already owns the land it is maintained by township personnel. Discussion on grants, land development plan and costs.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** – No report.

**BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT** – Replace deck (Costenbader), deck (Omerzo) garage (Richardson) and a sign for the BBT bank.

**ENGINEERS REPORT** – TEI report was circulated.

**PLUMBING & SEO** – TEI report was circulated.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

ACRE LAW SUIT – Chairman Randler reported he attended the meeting of the Joint Planning Commission. Womelsdorf was not ready to submit their zoning changes. All changes must be in by the next meeting on May 19 and a hearing will be held on June 16. Solicitor Haws stated all changes must be reviewed by the County. All properties must be posted with details of the hearing, also notices sent to neighbors and a joint advertisement after the May meeting.

ZONING ISSUES – Solicitor Haws will instruct John Stine to file for a continuance for Kissling. John Stine will be reminded to send a letter to Arndt's Recovery regarding zoning issues. Information has been submitted on the Kerry Kline to the Blighted Property Committee.

BETHANY – No report.

PLAM ROAD BRIDGE – No report.

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION – See ACRE above.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

See attached.

**NEW BUSINESS**

LORIS ANSEL – Solicitor Haws stated he sent the storm water management agreement to Mr. Ansel.

WHITE PROPERTY ACQUISITION LETTER – Natural Lands Trust is requesting a letter of support for their pursuit or the purchase of approximately 45 acres of woodlands in Heidelberg and South Heidelberg Townships. The land will be added to the PA Wm. Penn Forest District's George Wertz Forest and will be available for public access. Supv. Wolfe made a motion instructing the Secretary to send a letter stating Heidelberg Township is in support of the acquisition of the White property, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

TCC COLLECTION RESOLUTION – Berks EIT will be contracting with a collection agency to make an attempt to do better with delinquent employers and taxpayers. The agencies normally charge a collection fee which should be paid by the delinquent payer and with a resolution the costs may be passed onto the delinquent payer. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION #6-2016** authorizing collection agency fees, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Chairman Randler voted no.

JEREMY MANWILLER POULTRY OPERATION – Mr. Manwiller is proposing to construct and operate two boiler barns on the 83.97 acre farm owned by his parents, Miriam and Ricky Manwiller located at 2073 N. Church St. which is a permitted use. The Planning Commission approved all waivers and the Final Land Development plan and is recommending approval to the Supervisors. Supv. Schoener made a

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**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

JEREMY MANWILLER POULTRY OPERATION CONTINUED - motion to approve all waivers as outlined in the Red Barn Consultants letter dated March 18, 2016, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the Final Land Development Plan for the Jeremy Manwiller Poultry Operation contingent all items on the TEI review letter dated April 1, 2016 are met and also contingent upon the NPDES Permit, all financials in place, PennDOT highway permit and fire department approval. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. The plans will be held till all is satisfied.

At this time an executive session was called to discuss personnel. Time 9:20 PM  
The meeting was reconvened at 10:05 PM

The Police Committee will discuss with Chief Boyer a determination if a Part-Time Police Officer is needed and the Committee will bring their findings back to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Thumm, seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously. Time 10:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 26, 2016 @ 7:30 PM**