

MINUTES - HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
April 28, 2021

PRESENT: David Randler, Terry Wolfe, Tom Schoener, Kevin Snyder, David Manbeck, Nicole Werner, Chief Leon Grim, Lori Brown, Geneva Berger, Jane Gensemer, Frank Civitarese, Susan Lee, Scott Lee, Nelson Delp, Bill Mahon

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Nelson Delp: Mr. Delp asked the board if there was a program to lower his trash bill as he is a senior generating very little trash. Mr. Delp's trash bill is currently \$62.25 plus the additional \$9.42 pro rated fee for the new contract. Chairman Randler explained there is a section in the new contract between the township and GFL Environmental offering a Minimal Generator fee for seniors. Mr. Delp was asked to stop into the office with township secretary Werner to begin the process setting him up for this service.

Geneva Berger: Ms. Berger wanted to know when the paving work in Fry Manor was set to begin. Chairman Randler explained that per our contract, Pennsy Supply has a time frame, ending in October 2021, to begin and complete work. As long as Pennsy Supply stays within that timeframe, they may begin work around their schedule. Ms. Berger also asked whose responsibility it was to collect delinquent trash payments. Chairman Randler stated it was the trash company's responsibility. Secretary Werner added she sent notice's the month of April to delinquent residents as a good gesture. In addition, Ms. Berger asked who was eligible for the MMR program for trash, again the answer was all seniors.

Lori Brown: Ms. Brown explained that there was a transaction in the Reading Eagle for a property Jack Keener owns in Heidelberg Township. Chairman Randler explained the transaction that were documented in the paper were not in relation to Keener Heights and the proposed building in Heidelberg township. Chairman Randler explained the possibility of a few units being built in Heidelberg Township, however there has been nothing submitted to date. It was noted by Chairman Randler that properties on Lynn, Fry, Hilda and Fry Apartments are part of the Robesonia interceptor. There is a \$5,000 fee paid to Robesonia for transfer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

GFL Environmental continues to see delinquent payments. At this time, it has been agreed that the township is not responsible for trash billing. Secretary Werner did note, as a goodwill gesture, she forwarded delinquent trash notices to those customer whose payments are delinquent. As stated before, the township has no interest in signing an amendment to the trash contract, which would state service will be discontinued to those that have a delinquent payment 90 days old.

MINUTES: March 31, 2021 minutes were circulated. **MOTION** by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener, passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: No report, will be ratified at May meeting

PAYMENT OF BILLS: No report, will be ratified at May meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police & Fire – Report provided by South Heidelberg Police Department

Sewer – A proposal from Slaymakers was shown to the board. The proposal is for the pump station at AWI to replace the auto dialers. The proposal for the auto dialers at Fry Manor has not been received. It was noted by Chairman Randler that the anticipated stimulus money will help offset the cost of the auto dialers. It was agreed upon that a motion to except Slaymaker's proposal will be made at the May meeting. Chairman Randler noted that a pump, estimated cost of \$1,500, will need to be rebuilt in Fry Manor.

Planning Commission – No report

Roads, Bldg. & Equip. – Regarding the new truck, transmission cooler lines need to be stainless steel. Chairman Randler stated that there was a possibility for the Jack Frost parade and if needed a joint permit will need to be applied for through the state. To get ahead of the process, a **MOTION** was made to cooperate with Robesonia Borough to apply for permits and make payment by Sup. Schoener, **SECOND** by Sup. Snyder, passed unanimously.

Personnel – No report

Recreation Board/Pool – Sup Snyder was approached by a local daycare facility with a possible donation of a toddler sized climber for the municipal playground. Sup. Snyder will contact the owner to arrange pick-up of the playground equipment.

Pool: The community pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend. There was concrete replaced and overall there was a “facelift” to the pool. Larry Knoll trenched a new waterline directly to the pool. Anticipating a new roof and additional concrete. All costs for repairs were privately funded.

Zoning Hearing Board – No Report

Zoning & SEO Report: Report provided to Supervisors from Technicon Enterprises, Inc. Michael Jackson property was inspected. Per Jeff Kerlin's report, junk, vehicles and miscellaneous items have been removed from the property since prior inspection. The site has continued to be cleaned up since Fall of 2020. Mr. Jackson did state he was periodically living on site in a camper. However, Mr. Jackson noted he was using sewage and water facilities off site. After discussing with Quinn Haller, they are estimating the property is approximately 80% cleaned up. It will be the board's decision to continue or discontinue enforcement. Secretary Werner was instructed to send a thank you letter to Mr. Jackson for his cooperation with the township. In addition, Secretary Werner was asked to follow up with Bailey Thumm and her letter regarding concerns on Jackson's property.

Building Inspectors Report – Report provided to Supervisors from Technicon Enterprises, Inc.

Engineers Report – Report provided to Board of Supervisors from Technicon Enterprises, Inc.

Solicitor's Report – Provided by Andrew George.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Western Berks Ambulance Report

Bailey Thumm letter of complaint regarding the deterioration of Wooltown Rd. Per Sup. Schoener three tons of cold patch has been applied to Wooltown Rd. Our next projected road project will be Wooltown Rd. Secretary Werner to follow up with Ms. Thumm.

UCC Countywide Appeals Board form. At this time, Heidelberg Township is denying admittance to the countywide board as the township is currently on a joint board with Robesonia and Womelsdorf Boroughs. Chairman Randler suggested we continue with the joint board.

Financial Audit has been complete by Stanilla, Siegel & Maser

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Civiarese is concerned with speeding on Ryeland Rd. He has stated he only sees a police car once a month on the road. Mr. Civitarese is concerned with the number of commercial vehicles speeding. Sup Schoener stated that he has noticed an increased amount of employees entering Bethany Children's Home in the morning. Chief Grim noted a speed sign can be setup on Ryeland Rd and has noted that the officer on duty determines whether or not a warning or a ticket is issued when an individual is stopped for speeding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: to discuss potential litigation adjourned at 9:18pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Sup Wolfe at 9:19pm. **SECOND** by Sup Snyder, passed unanimously.

**Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:30pm,
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Werner, Township Secretary