

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
AUGUST 28, 2014**

PRESENT: David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Terry Wolfe, Brian Thumm, Carol Keppley, Robert Keppley, Janelle Myer, Malcolm Zwally, Solicitor Haws, Geneve Berger, David Speece, John Nace, Shaun Myer, Solicitor Tim Mallory, Joe Purfield and Cheryl Bowers.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

DAVID SPEECE – Mr. Speece asked if there has been any resolution to his problem with his neighbor directing downspout water onto Mr. Speece's property. Solicitor Haws stated that under state law this would constitute trespassing and he might want to talk to an attorney. The Township does not have an ordinance in place for this issue. The Township sent the engineer and two Supervisors to the residence to try to help Mr. Speece and as of this date nothing has been resolved. Mr. Speece said he will give his neighbor till Sept. 5 and if nothing is done he will place sandbags along his property line so the water will run back into the neighbor's property.

GENEVA BERGER – Mrs. Berger asked if the owner of the old Gloray was contacted about placing a directional sign for trucks. The owner was not contacted. Mrs. Berger said she will send her complaint to Robesonia since a directional sign would need to be placed in the Borough.

MALCOLM ZWALLY – Mr. Zwally is interested in purchasing the Kerry Kline property. Mr. Kline has rejected his offer. Mr. Zwally presented building plans for an addition to the Myers property next door, which can only be done if he can obtain the Kline property. These properties are in AP zoning district which could present a set-back problem as the lots are small. After much discussion Chairman Randler said in order to proceed to a Zoning Hearing for relief from the set-back lines Mr. Zwally would either have to purchase the property or present an equitable ownership. Discussion on the dangerous structure issue, Supv. Wolfe stated Mr. Kline was given till Sept. 2 to have the outside of his property cleaned up and if he does not meet this deadline the Township will continue to clean the property up and place a lien on the property for all costs. Also, John Stein will be instructed to determine if the property is a dangerous structure.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. Discussion on the Vermeer invoices. We are holding two - \$2,712.08 & \$1,089.00. It was decided to pay the \$2,712.08 and hold the \$1,089.00 until Chairman Randler contacts Vermeer. It seems that we were charged for the same problem twice. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of the Vermeer invoice of \$1,089.00. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

BUDGET MEETING: Secretary to advertise the Budget meeting for Oct. 8 which will follow the Dangerous Structure Hearing at 6 PM.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – The Select Environment July report was circulated. No report on Captain Clog. Chairman Randler stated the wiring at the AWI pump station needs to be replaced. Also a small shed is needed to house a generator at AWI. Supv. Schoener made a motion to replace the wiring & purchase a small shed for the AWI pump station. Motion seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously.

POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT. - August report circulated. Supv. Thumm asked why it is necessary to have a policeman at the meetings. Supv. Thumm stated he sent emails regarding overtime and documentation. Supv. Wolfe said this should be discussed at an Executive Session.

PLANNING COMMISSION – No meeting in August.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – Secretary was instructed to send a letter to PennDOT regarding weight restrictions at Hill & Furnace and Ryeland Rd.

Chairman Randler reported he met with Dave Powers regarding road work. The total for all the roads would be approximately \$300,000. All agreed to wait to early spring to go out for bids. Secretary to contact Charlie Paris of Municipal Services to schedule an appointment.

Truck Specs. – Received specs from New Holland Auto Group – diesel – 41,000 and gas - \$32,811. The Supervisors decided to contact Manderbach for another quote. Also received bids from Levan and E.M. Kutz for dump body and plow – both prices came in around \$33-\$36,000.

Supv. Wolfe made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new truck up to \$70,000, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

Phones – Chairman Randler stated he was in touch with Comcast and to change over the phones from Verizon to Comcast it will save us approximately \$200 a month. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to move the phone service to Comcast, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

RECREATION BOARD – Supv. Wolfe stated he would like to send a letter to local businesses for donations for vacant lots on Ryeland Rd.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Technicon report emailed.

PLUMBING & SEO – Technicon report emailed.

COG – Electronic speed signs have been ordered.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE COUNCIL – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JOINT ZONING – No report.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE LAW SUIT – No report.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING – Supv. Schoener made a motion authorizing the purchase of curbside recycling containers/lids with the DEP grant money, seconded by Chairman Randler. Voting yes: Supervisors Randler, Schoener and Thumm. Voting no: Supervisor Wolfe. Motion passed. Supervisor Wolfe stated he voted no because he didn't see what the recycling container looked like. Secretary to forward Supv. Wolfe brochures. This is under the CoStars contract and was recommended by Jane Meeks, the Berks County Solid Waste Coordinator.

ZONING ISSUES - Emailed letter from John Stine regarding J. Kissling. John Stine will be contacted to attend the Hearing on Oct. 8. Notices will be sent to the newspaper and anyone with interest and Berks Court Reporting will be scheduled.

BRUBAKERS – No report.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BRIDGES – Emailed minutes from the meeting with PennDOT.

COMCAST RENEWAL – No report.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS/QUALITY OF LIFE – No report.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR SAM –PA One Call was contacted.

CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

NEW BUSINESS

ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL – Received a letter from Robesonia Swimming Pool requesting a contribution. Supv. Wolfe stated the pool is not a necessity, it is a pleasure and he isn't sure the taxpayers should fund it. It was decided to send a letter requesting a copy of their financials and ask how many Heidelberg Township residents utilize the pool.

PHONES – Chairman Randler reported he talked to Comcast and by switching the phone service from Verizon to Comcast the Township could save approximately \$200 a month. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to pursue the move for phone service from Verizon to Comcast, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

LITTLE GERMAN SIGN MAKERS – Discussed the seal for a wall mural. It was decided that an 8 ft. round would be sufficient. Secretary to contact Little German Sign Makers for a price.

BERKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS – Convention, Thurs. Oct. 16 from 5-9:30 at Oley Fair Centre.

FIRE POLICE – Request for Fire Police for the Conrad Weiser Music Assoc. Cavalcade of Music on Oct. 4, 2014. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the request for Fire Police, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

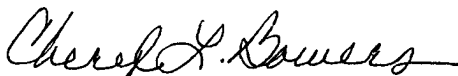
JOHNNY & HON'S SIGNS – After much discussion it was decided that Chairman Randler would contact John Stein, Zoning Officer to review the sign problem in the Township and Secretary would contact Jerry Farro, Building Inspector, to have him inspect a deck/roof at Johnny & Hon's.

NEWSPAPER POLICY – Supv. Thumm stated he was upset that there was not an explanation written in the newspaper regarding a vote that was taken which he voted no. Secretary said that the day after the meeting the reporter called and wanted to know what occurred at the meeting. Secretary gave the reporter that vote without an explanation of why Supv. Thumm voted no. After much discussion it was decided that in the future, no phone reporting shall take place. The reporter must wait till after the minutes are approved or attend the meeting in person.

At this time an executive session was called to discuss personnel – Time 10:07PM
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. Thumm and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

**DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING WITH BUDGET MEETING TO FOLLOW – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8,
2014 – 6 PM**