

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
AUGUST 27, 2015**

PRESENT: Terry Wolfe, Thomas Schoener, Brian Thumm, Brenda Bennick, Solicitor Haws, Robert Keppley, Carol Keppley, Carole Duran, Chief Boyer, Larry Noll, Caroline DeCenso and Cheryl Bowers.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Terry Wolfe at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Nothing

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 30, 2015 were circulated. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Motion seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. Supv. Thumm made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Received a letter from Attorney Muir regarding the request from Laverne Hurst to hook onto the Womelsdorf sewer line. His review of the Sewage Service Agreement indicates that it is somewhat site specific and relates to Bethany. The Womelsdorf Sewer Authority is receptive to provide sewer service to Mr. Hurst; however a new Inter-Municipal Agreement will need to be prepared. After discussion it was decided to include the Hurst property only and not broaden it to include other properties. Solicitor Muir will prepare the agreement.

POLICE AND FIRE - The police report and Sept. schedule were circulated. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to accept the schedule, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously. A resume for a new part-time officer was circulated. No decision was made. Chief Boyer reported the MCT replacement fund for 2016 will \$4,634.00.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in August.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – The road report was circulated. Supv. Schoener stated that Larry hand shoveled stones off Hill Rd. Discussion on the condition of Bethany Rd. due to the water tank trucks. Supv. Thumm questioned why there was never a bond posted since there are very few Heidelberg Township residents using that road. It was decided that Solicitor Haws send a letter to Bethany regarding posting a bond for future road repairs.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – No report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report circulated

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report circulated

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACRE – Received correspondence stating it should be settled by the end of the year.

ZONING ISSUES – John Stine reported he has filed citations with the DJ on Kissling. Received notification that the Kerry Kline property will be presented to the Berks Blighted Property Board on Sept. 22.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – Tabled

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

COUNTY OF BERKS – Breakfast meeting Sept. 18 at Strausstown Fire Co.

BERKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS – Oct. 15 at Oley Fairgrounds. Supv. Thumm stated he would like to attend.

CONRAD WEISER MUSIC ASSOC. CAVALADE OF BANDS – Received a request for fire police. Supv. Thumm made a motion to send a request for fire police for Oct. 3 from 4 – 10 pm, motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

SHREDDING EVENT – Will be held at National Penn Bank on Oct. 24 from 10-2 PM. Secretary to put information on webpage and ask Ron Seaman if the fire police are needed.

CYCLING RACE – Will be held on Saturday, September 12 and cyclists will be on Manbeck Rd., N. Church St. and Showers Rd. – they will be on our roads approximately 12-12:30 PM.

COMPLAINT FROM DONALD SPEICHER – Mr. Speicher presented a complaint form regarding the removal of the fence on his property. The fence was installed years ago after the foot bridge to the high school was put in. The fence was rotting and rails were replaced numerous times. After much discussion it was decided that for the time being the fence will not be replaced. We will be researching the whole foot bridge project and Secretary to ask Mr. Speicher if he has any documentation.

LAVERNE HURST – Per Technicon review, Dennis Smaglinski recommends an Improvements Escrow and a \$1,000.00 Storm Water Escrow. The Township can opt to waive the Improvements Escrow, however

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The \$1,000.00 Storm Water Escrow needs to be posted. Supv. Thumm made a motion to waive the Improvements Escrow for Laverne Hurst, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

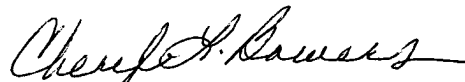
WOOD BURNING STOVES – Received a complaint regarding an outside wood burning stove. The smoke from it is interfering with the quality of life for neighbors. Secretary to check with Jerry Farro and Frank Schnee.

At this time an executive session was called – 8:45 PM
The meeting was reconvened at 9:19 PM

Supv. Thumm made a motion to hire Larry Knoll as a full time road worker at a starting salary of \$17.50 per hour with one week paid vacation plus 7 paid holidays. Motion seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Thumm, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously. Time – 9:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24, 2015