

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
AUGUST 31, 2017**

PRESENT: David Randler, Terry Wolfe, David Manbeck, Brian Thumm, Thomas Schoener, Carol and Robert Keppley, William Carey, Chief Stone, Carol Durran, Kevin Snyder, Jen McConnell, Ben Cohen, Solicitor Haws and Cheryl Bowers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by Chairman Randler with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – MS4 – A Public Notice was published in the Reading Eagle announcing public comments from the public for a 30 day period from August 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 regarding the Pollutant Reduction Plan for the MS4 discharges to UNT to Tulpehocken Creek and UNT to Furnace Creek.

Jennifer McConnell presented a map and other documentation that is required by DEP for the 5 year permit cycle. Jennifer explained the urbanized areas – 876.7 acres. Heidelberg Township must select and install best management practices, including structural and/or structural BMPs in the specified planning areas to achieve the pollution reduction requirements. W. Ryeland Rd. and Brossman Heights were identified that needs modification. The cost of this modification could run approximately \$20,000.00. Discussion on doing the work in-house vs outside contractor. There was no public comments.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

JENNIFER McCONNELL – Jennifer reported on the Robesonias Springs Car Wash and after discussion it was decided that Solicitor Haws and Quinn Haller of Technicon will coordinate a letter to be sent to Mr. Weyandt instructing him to install a meter where the Township can monitor it and that he must have the tanks pumped out and provide proof of the work.

KEVIN SNYDER/BEN COHEN

ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL – Kevin Snyder said the pool has been in operation for 50 plus years and has been run on a very modest budget. Ben Cohen is the treasurer. Property taxes are approximately \$6,000 a year – their operating budget is \$65,000. They are a 501c3 and grants are impossible to get. Grants are available to municipal owned pools. Kevin Snyder said they would like to see Heidelberg Township take ownership of the pool and lease it back to the pool organization. Kevin reported they attended other municipalities and Robesonias will double their donation - \$4,000 and South Heidelberg Township - \$2,000 and Wernersville hasn't decided.

Supv. Thumm asked if the mechanicals are in good shape. Kevin stated the filter is aging and it is a concrete pool and it gets acid washed each year and drained. Kevin said it needs a facelift to make it more attractive. Kevin said there will be an employee change and the board will be restructured. Chairman Randler said there will be no closing costs, transfer taxes and Solicitor Haws will draft a letter to the school asking them to exonerate the school taxes. There will be costs for Solicitor Haws' time to draw up the Agreement of Sale and Lease. There will be no cost for insurance as it is already in the package. The pool must get Liability and Workers Comp insurance. Chairman Randler stressed that the Township will not be running or maintaining the pool.

Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the **RESOLUTION #6-2017 – A RESOLUTION OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PA, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PIN 435713132407 LOCATED IN HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP, BY EMINENT DOMAIN.**

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ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL CONTINUED - Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener. Voting yes, Chairman Randler, Supervisors Schoener, Thumm and Wolfe. Voting no – Supv. Manbeck. Motion carried.

Supv. Schoener made a motion to proceed with the Agreement of Sale in lieu of the condemnation, seconded by Supv. Thumm. Voting in favor; Chairman Randler, Supervisors Thumm, Schoener and Wolfe. Voting no – Supv. Manbeck. Motion carried.

Solicitor Haws will forward the Agreement of Sale and lease agreement to Solicitor George, attorney for the pool.

The pool has changed its name to the Conrad Weiser Community Pool.

WILLIAM CAREY – Mr. Carey would like to see speeding on Bunker Hill Rd. curtailed and also the shoulder of the road on the north side is very deep and needs to be filled in. Mr. Carey was told that Chief Stone does patrol that area and knows there is a problem; however since the road work on Rt. 422, motorists are using Bunker Hill Rd. as a shortcut. The road crew will look at the shoulder.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – See Audience Participation – Jennifer McConnell.

POLICE & FIRE – The September schedule was circulated. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the September police schedule, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. The Police Contract is being reviewed.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in August.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – The Road Report was circulated. Insulation is being hung in the back garage and a propane tank will be installed. This was approved at a prior meeting and the costs will be approximately \$2,000. Received two quotes for the Wooltown Rd. project. Dennis Smagliniski will be asked to review the quotes and report back to the Supervisors. Discussion on the purchase of a truck from Robesonia. Supv. Schoener said there is more reason to not buy it than to buy it. Majority agreed.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Nothing to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report was emailed to all.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report was emailed to all.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ZONING ISSUES – Kerry Kline property will soon be demolished by the Blighted Property and Malcolm Zwally was told he will be able to purchase the property. Damien Polak at 13 Birdsfoot Dr. – See Zoning Officer's letter.

KEENER HEIGHTS – email from Dennis was circulated.

CELL TOWER ORDINANCE – Solicitor Haws to prepare Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

ZONING/SUBDIVISION QUESTIONS – Due to numerous calls regarding questions regarding zoning issues, the question arose as to who pays for the information when TEI answers the questions. Secretary always tells them to look on the website where the complete Joint Zoning Ordinance can be found and tells them to fill out a Zoning Permit Application. A fee schedule was discussed. No decision was made.

ANIMAL RESCUE – The 2018 Agreement was received. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to execute the Animal Rescue League 2018 Agreement, seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously.

READING BAKERY SYSTEMS – Received the Berks County Planning Commission review – this will be addressed at the Planning Commission meeting next week.

DAVID WOLFSKILL – David Wolfskill submitted the paperwork for inclusion in the Agricultural Security Area. Secretary talked to Shannon Rossman at the Berks County Planning Commission. The parcel is zoned Agricultural Preservation in the Township and the County has it zoned future development. Shannon Rossman stated the County has no intention of changing it and as such David Wolfskill will not be able to sell the development rights. Shannon Rossman will be sending a letter to further explain.

At this time Chairman Randler called an Executive Session to discuss personnel – 9:35 PM

The meeting was reconvened at 9:50 PM

Supv. Thumm made a motion to authorize Solicitor Haws to draw up a Police Contract for Chief Stone for 27 months with 2% increase for 2018 and 2% increase for 2019. Motion seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously. Discussion on a contract for Larry Knoll.

There being no business the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM on a motion by Chairman Randler and seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary