

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD  
DECEMBER 18, 2014**

**PRESENT:** David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Brian Thumm, Brenda Bennick, Terry Wolfe, Carol Keppley, Solicitor Haws, Troy Gelsinger, Bert Nye, Ben Hasty, Matt Nojiri, Thomas Kellenberger, Gordon & Megan Miller, Bridget Souders, Mike & Jan Garipoli, Robert Keppley, Leonard & Kelly Martin, Caroline diCenso Craig Randler, Matthew Planner, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Turkewski, Dean Kintzer, David Manbeck, Randy Yarnall, Victoria Rizzo, Rob Feldman and Cheryl Bowers.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randler at 7:30 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**BERT NYE**

**TROY GELSINGER** – The final plan for Lynette Gelsinger poultry Operation was presented. The review letter from Technicon dated Dec. 18, 2014 was circulated. All previous comments have been addressed and comply with the Township Ordinance and PADEP requirements. All conditions have been satisfied except for the execution of the Improvements Agreement and the Stormwater Management Agreement and the provision of the final security for the site improvements.

Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the Lynette Gelsinger Poultry Operation Land Development contingent up execution of the Improvements Agreement and Stormwater Management Agreement and the provision of the financial security for site improvements. Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

**JOE PURFIELD** – Joe presented the proposal for the web site support for 2015. The cost will be \$80.00 per month. The technical support will continue at the same rate as 2014. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the proposal for web site support for 2015 at \$80.00 a month and \$80.00 per hour for IT work on an as needed basis with no contract, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

At this time Chairman Randler called on the audience one by one.

Thomas Kellenberger – no comment

Gordon & Megan Miller – no comment

Bridget Souders – no comment

Mike & Jan Garipoli – Mr. Garipoli stated he felt the Township acted unprofessional in placing an ad for a new Police Chief without discussing it with Chief Boyer. He has worked with the Chief for 6 yrs. and the Chief has taught him many things. Chief Boyer exemplifies what a police chief should be. If the Board does not reconsider he would not continue to work for the Township

Robert Keppley – no comment

Leonard & Kelly Martin – Mr. Martin asked what is the reason for the Board's decision. Supv. Thumm stated that personnel matters cannot be discussed at public meetings.

Caroline diCenso - no comment

Craig Randler – no comment

Matthew Planner – Stated he will stand with the Chief

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Turkewski – no comment

Dean Kintzer – Mr. Kintzer stated there are a number of fence rails down at the footbridge.

David Manbeck – Mr. Manbeck stated he was on the Board of Supervisors for 12 yrs. and there was never a negative mark on the Chief's record. He has been off the Board for a year and now the Chief can't do anything right. Mr. Manbeck said he hopes the Board keeps an open mind.

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Randy Yarnall – Stated Chief Boyer has always been courteous and respectful.

Victoria Rizzo – in support of Chief Boyer

Rob Feldman – no comment

Joe Purfield – Mr. Purfield stated the Township doesn't know what they have in a Chief like Mike Boyer.

He has been stabbed in the back and undermined. He said one of the Supervisors is in law enforcement and the rest listen. He said he worked for the Chief and will support him.

CHIEF MIKE BOYER – Chief Boyer read from a written statement saying that he cares about this community. He has worked here for 12 ½ years and has always thought the Township felt his philosophy was what the Township wanted. If the Township wants to head in a different direction they should treat him with dignity and respect.

David Manbeck – Mr. Manbeck asked the Supervisors for feedback. Supv. Wolfe stated that personnel matters cannot be discussed at public meetings. Mr. Manbeck asked how much money was spent on advertising. Chairman Randler stated the both ads – Chief and part-time- ran approximately \$1,000.00.

Mike Garipoli stated he would like it stated in the minutes that no one present has a discerning opinion of Chief Boyer.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the Nov. 20, 2014 meeting were emailed to all. Chairman Randler made a motion to approve the Nov. 20, 2014 minutes as circulated, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Carol Keppley circulated the December treasurers report. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the December 2014 treasurers report, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

**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.

**2015 BUDGET :** Treasurer Carol Keppley circulated the final 2015 budget. Supv. Schoener made a motion to adopt the 2015 budget, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

SEWER – The monthly Select Environment November report was circulated. Carol will contact AWI regarding the new sewer billing. The electric at the AWI pump station is proceeding.

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POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT - The December police report and January schedule were circulated. Supr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the January schedule, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

Supv. Wolfe questioned Chief Boyer as to why he doesn't sit on Ryeland Rd. David Manbeck asked why the speed device isn't put on other township roads. Chief Boyer said the device is not working properly and he does place in on other roads.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in December.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. - The December road report was circulated. Discussion on the condition of the shoulders on Wooltown Rd. Supv. Schoener said he will discuss this with John Nace.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Jerry Farro reported an inspection at C.W. High School – modular.

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report circulated.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report circulated.

COG – The Township will be reimbursed for repairs to chipper and the purchase of the speed signs.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE COUNCIL – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

JOINT ZONING– No report.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE LAW SUIT – Received emails from Solicitor Ludwig. This was tabled till next month.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING – Request was sent for reimbursement for the mailing of community map and new recycling containers.

ZONING ISSUES – Zoning Officer, John Stine, issued a report dated Dec. 17. All agreed to have John do a property visit to 43 Brick Plant Rd. – Sheidy. After investigation of the Kline property it was determined it is not a dangerous structure. All sign violators were mailed a letter from John Stine. It was reported

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED**

that signs have been removed at Johnnie & Hon's and Storage World. Question was what does the Township do after the 30 day time period?

ASST. ZONING OFFICER – Supv. Thumm made a motion to appoint Frank Schnee as the Asst. Zoning Officer with no compensation at the request of Mr. Schnee, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

BRUBAKERS HEARING & COOLING – No report.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BRIDGES – No report.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – No report.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS/QUALITY OF LIFE – No report.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE/FLAG – Jeff Schatz will be installing a light. Supv. Wolfe discussed a ceremony to honor Sam after everything is in place.

LITTLE GERMAN SIGN MAKERS – No report.

APPOINTMENTS – Chairman Randler reported that Kevin Snyder will serve on the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Richard Hassler (12/15) Chairman Randler made a motion to appoint Kevin Snyder to fill the unexpired term till 12/15, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously. Harold Speicher agreed to stay on the Planning Commission and Cathy Price will continue on the Zoning Hearing Board.

MEETING DATES FOR 2015: Jan.29, Feb. 26, Mar 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2015, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

MS4 – No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

See attached

**NEW BUSINESS**

COMPLAINT – Received a complaint from Pam Cooper in Whitetail Estates. She states the music from Johnnie & Hon's was very loud after 11 PM. Supv. Wolfe stated he discussed this complaint with Joe Nemecek and Mr. Nemecek will defiantly enforce the 11 PM rule. He has also changed the band position and will insulate the building. Supv. Wolfe said he will give Mrs. Cooper Joe's cell phone in case it happens again.

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TAX LEVY – Supv. Schoener made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION #9-2014** SETTING THE 2015 MILLAGE AT 1.5 MILLS AND THE LIGHT TAX FOR 2015 AS FOLLOWS: Brossman Heights \$100.00 a year per residence, Fry Manor \$30.00 per residence per year and Chapel Ridge \$28.00 per residence per year.

PER CAPITA, REAL ESTATE TRANSFER & EIT & LST – Chairman Randler made a motion to set the following taxes for 2015 at: Per Capita - \$15.00 (our share is \$5.00), Real Estate and EIT – both ½ of 1% and the LST at \$52.00. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR GEORGE – Supv. Wolfe made a motion to execute the release forms allowing Attorney George to represent the Zoning Hearing Board as he is going to a new law firm. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – There will be two openings for Supervisor, must run in the May Primary.

LIENS – Solicitor Haws placed liens on the Kerry Kline property and Harold Mogel and Myrtle Houck – the last two are for outstanding sewer bills.

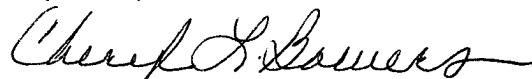
ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL – Supv. Wolfe stated the pool is in danger of going out of business. Discussion on the Township taking over the pool. This will be taken under advisement. Solicitor Haws stated they should file for an exemption for non-profit.

At this time an executive session was called to discuss personnel. Time – 8:35 PM  
The meeting was reconvened at 9:45 PM

Supv. Thumm made a motion to adjust the 2015 Police Contract to read: insurance - \$1,600, no wage increase for 2015 and the 2015 contract will be month to month. Supv. Schoener seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Wolfe, seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously. Time: 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: January 29, 2015