

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD  
DECEMBER 17, 2015**

**PRESENT:** David Randler, Terry Wolfe, Brian Thumm, Thomas Schoener, Brenda Bennick, Carol Keppley, Chief Boyer, David Manbeck, John Nace, Carolyn DeCenso, Robert Keppley and Cheryl Bowers.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Nothing

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were circulated. Supv. Thumm stated the minutes should reflect a correction to the circulated minutes regarding the five changes to the Police Schedule. The changes to the Police Schedule were initiated by Officer Ludwig, not Chief Boyer or anyone else. Chairman Randler made a motion to approve the November minutes, with the noted change that the Police Schedule was changed five times by Officer Ludwig, not Chief Boyer. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

**2016 BUDGET** – Supv. Bennick made a motion to adopt the 2016 budget, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – Chairman Randler reported the generator has been installed, the propane tank will be hooked up Friday and the phone service has been installed. The auto dialer will have the following phone numbers in order: Larry, Gary, Tom, David Randler and Select Environment.

**POLICE & FIRE** - The Police report and January schedule were circulated. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the January schedule, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – There was no meeting in December.

**ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP.** – The Road Report was circulated. Discussion on increasing the cost of salt to the school due to the increased cost to the Township by both the State and County. Chairman Randler will get together with Carol to work this out. Discussion on Larry Knoll obtaining his CDL. The Township will pay all costs. Discussion on purchasing snow fences for Manbeck Rd. and Big Spring Rd. where the drifting is the worst. John Nace will look into the cost.

**Garage Doors** – Received two quotes: Shenk \$3,163 and Cornwell \$3,104. Both the quotes were with no receptacles, 3 openers and 6 transmitters. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Cornwell for \$3,104.00 for the installation of 3 garage door openers. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Nothing to report this month. CIA submitted the 2016 fee schedule with no changes except the addition of a generator inspection for commercial.

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report emailed

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report emailed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

ACRE LAW SUIT – No report.

ZONING ISSUES – TEI Zoning report was emailed. John Stine reported that the Berks County Blighted Property Review Committee advised the property owner that they must rehabilitate or demolish the building and if they don't comply the matter moved into the next phase towards eminent domain. Supv. Bennick stated she has seen work being done on the Kissling project.

BETHANY POSTING & BONDING – Tabled

LAVERNE HURST STORMWATER ESCROW – Solicitor Haws sent the agreement to Mr. Hurst, however he has not returned it. Chairman Randler must then sign and have his signature notarized.

PALM ROAD BRIDGE – Chairman Randler reported he talked to Neal Nevitt and the inspection report was email to everyone. After much discussion it was decided to direct the Secretary to write a letter to Lower Heidelberg Township and state the Supervisors options 1) restrict the weight and reduce to one lane only, 2) close the road to vehicle traffic completely and 3) fix the bridge.

Chief Boyer will use the speed device to get an accurate count of the number of vehicles using the bridge.

Lower Heidelberg has taken the lead in this project; however we have heard nothing from them for quite some time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Received a thank you from Crime Alert for our donation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

FEMA – Received notification that Osgood's was removed from high risk to medium risk.

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**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

CONRAD WEISER 2016 Graduation Party – Received a request for donation. Supv. Thumm made a motion to donate \$100 to the Conrad Weiser Graduation Party, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

TAX LEVY – Supv. Schoener made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION #8-2015** setting the 2016 Millage at 1.5 mills and the light tax for 2016 as follows: Brossman Heights \$100.00 per residence, Fry Manor \$30.00 per residence and Chapel Ridge \$28.00 per residence per year. Motion was seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

PER CAPITA, REAL ESTATE TRANSFER & EIT & LST – Chairman Randler made a motion to set the following taxes for 2016: 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. Bennick and passed unanimously.

MEETING DATES FOR 2016: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 31, April 28, May 26, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 & Dec. 29. Supv. Thumm made a motion to advertise the 2016 meeting dates, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

EXPIRED TERMS – Kevin Snyder, Paul Radcliffe said they would serve another year. Mike Yoh said he would serve if no one else could be found.

COMPLAINT – Received a complaint from Mike Adam regarding a deck recently build on a neighbor's property without a permit. Secretary was instructed to have Jerry Farro inspect.

DUMPSTER FOR YARD WASTE – Discussion on having a dumpster on Township property for residents to discard yard waste. According to Lebanon Farms it would cost approximately \$250 per haul. A decision was not made.

PSATS CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW - April 17-20 at Hershey Lodge. Supv. Thumm was the only one that showed interest.

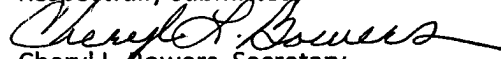
LORIS ANSEL – It has been reported that Loris Ansel recently purchased a lot in Hurst Development and has cut the majority of the trees down. Discussion on whether he can be made to reforest the lot. Secretary was instructed to have Dennis Smaglinski look into it.

At this time an Executive Session was called to discuss personnel issues. Time 8:30 PM  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:45 PM

The reorganization meeting is scheduled for Monday Jan. 4, 2016 at 6:30 PM – This will be advertised.

Everyone thanked Brenda Bennick for serving as a Supervisor this past year and wished her well.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary