

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
JANUARY 30, 2014**

PRESENT: David Randler, Randy Yoh, Tom Schoener, Brian Thumm, Terry Wolfe, Solicitor Haws, Carol Keppley, Chief Boyer, Joe Purfield, John Nace, Cliff Sherman, Carol Duran, Ann Civitrese and Cheryl Bowers.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

CLIFF SHERMAN

ANN CIVITRESE – Both Mr. Sherman and Mrs. Civitrese attended the meeting to complain about the condition of the Jerome Kissling property. Both the residence at 52 & 54 W. Ryeland Rd. and the lot owned by Mr. Kissling where a shed is located.

Chairman Randler explained that the Township has cited Mr. Kissling numerous times and Mr. Kissling pays the fines. Solicitor Haws stated that the Township adopted a dangerous structure ordinance which states that the Township will clean up the properties and then place a lien on the properties to cover all the costs. This will be discussed under Zoning to determine which direction to go.

JOHN NACE – John stated he will be staying on PT for now and if the need arises he would consider full time.

JOE PURFIELD – Joe stated he would like to be paid as a computer consultant at an hourly rate of \$80.00. He will present a proposal for next meeting. There was much discussion on the Cody system for the police. Joe said he was told that this will all be done remote, but someone must be at the computer. Joe will check further. He also reported he has over 25 hours in Carol's computer as the Mozy system (back up) does not work on that computer. The question is: does he reinstall everything or try a different backup system. Supv. Wolfe said why not try a different back up system. Joe stated we might not get money back from Mozy. Joe will continue to figure something out. Chairman Randler asked Joe to redirect Sam's email to Secretary.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting were circulated. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the December 19, 2013 minutes, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION MEETING: The minutes of the Reorganization meeting held January 6, 2014 were circulated. There is a correction – The Tax Collectors Bond is for \$63,449 instead of the \$10,000 stated in the minutes. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the Reorganization meeting minutes of January 6, 2014 with correction, seconded by Supv. Yoh and passed unanimously.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Carol Keppley, treasurer, presented the bills to be paid. Discussion on Central Garage and Telco. Chairman Randler made a motion to hold the Central Garage bills and pay the Telco invoice. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Supv. Wolfe made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION #5-2014 – TO PROVIDE FOR THE BILLING OF SEWER RENTAL CHARGES TO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE UNIT OR UNITS IS LOCATED FOR WHICH THE SERVICE OF TREATING SEWAGE IS PROVIDED. RESIDENTIAL UNITS - \$120.00 BASE RATE FOR ALL WATER USAGE UP TO 5,000 GALLONS; AND \$3.90 PER THOUSAND GALLONS OR PART THEREOF WATER USAGE IN EXCESS OF 5,000 GALLONS. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL UNITS - \$240.00 BASE RATE FOR ALL WATER USAGE UP TO 5,000 GALLONS AND \$7.80 PER THOUSAND GALLONS OR PART THEREOF OF WATER USAGE IN EXCESS OF 5,000 GALLONS. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. This new rate will begin with the February billing along with a note of explanation.

Discussion on hiring a licensed person to handle the pump stations. Glenn Eberly will not help with the sewer. Chairman Randler will talk to someone from Myerstown and report back.

POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT. - Report circulated. Discussion on naming a new Emergency Management Coordinator. Blue Marsh Emg. Mgt. will take Heidelberg Township at a cost of \$500 and 50 cents per capita. Mike Palm and Jeff Weidner are currently the coordinators for Robesonia and Wernersville and have agreed to include Heidelberg. After much discussion Supv. Schoener made a motion to appoint Mike Palm and Jeff Weidner as the Emergency Management Coordinators for Heidelberg Township. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

Supv. Thumm stated he would like to review the police time sheets prior to Carol submitting them to Pay Smart.

PLANNING COMMISSION – No meeting in January.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – Report circulated. Discussion on switching phones from Verizon to Comcast. Supv. Thumm made a motion to appoint Jeff Keller as part-time road crew, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously. Supv. Thumm made a motion to authorize John Nace to purchase the necessary tools as listed in the road report. Motion seconded by Supv. Yoh and passed unanimously. Chairman Randler reported water pooling at the bottom of Ginna B. He took pictures and forwarded them to Dave Powers of Martin Paving. Supv. Wolfe reported Mr. McNutt contacted him regarding the water running onto Ryeland Rd. and in turn freezes. Discussion on Road Inspection and renting a crack sealer.

RECREATION BOARD – Supv. Wolfe stated he would like to see something done with the land on the south side of W. Ryeland Rd. such as: practice field, build a pavilion to rent out, dog park etc.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Jerry Farro reported he met with Mr. Weidner at Brubakers and said they have made progress and Mr. Weidner will contact Jerry for another inspection.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Technicon report circulated.

PLUMBING & SEO – Technicon report circulated.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

COG – No report.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE COUNCIL – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – Supv. Wolfe reported that his daughter, Mary Wolfe will be attending a seminar in Robesonia regarding rain barrels.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JOINT ZONING - Chairman Randler reported he attended the reorganization meeting and something is again stirring regarding ACRE. He stated that the representatives from N. Heidelberg Township are the point people and depending on the outcome Robesonia and Womelsdorf might have to pay a share of the legal fees.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE LAW SUITE – See Joint Zoning

ZONING ISSUES – John Stine of Technicon report circulated. A title search had been completed on both the Kissling and Kline properties. There is enough equity in both properties to proceed with a dangerous structure hearing. After much discussion Chairman Randler made a motion to authorize Solicitor Haws to advertise for a dangerous structure hearing for the Kissling property, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously. Solicitor Haws instructed Secretary to contact John Stine and request a detailed inspection report for each structure including the shed on the empty lot. The hearing will take place 1 ½ hours prior to the February 27 Supervisors meeting. The Kline property was tabled. The Sheidy and Painter remain open at the magistrate's office. Supv. Wolfe reported that Kenny Kissinger has moved his business the Womelsdorf location.

BRUBAKERS – See Building Inspectors report.

BETHANY – Received a letter from Bethany requesting the release of funds held in escrow. Dennis Smaglinski of Technicon in his letter dated Dec. 5 that if the Township receives an acceptable acknowledgement from Bethany that they will replace the two trees he recommends the release of funds (\$38,907.02). Supv. Wolfe made a motion to release the \$38,907.02 escrow to Bethany per Dennis Smaglinski's letter dated Dec. 5 and the acknowledgement letter from Bethany dated January 15, 2014. Motion seconded by Supv. Yoh and passed unanimously.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BRIDGES – No report.

C.W. LITTLE SCOUTS – No report.

Township Map – No report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – No report.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

NEW BUSINESS

MS4 VOTING DELEGATE – A voting delegate needs to be named to the MS4 in place of Sam. Technicon attends all meetings. Supv. Yoh made a motion to name Technicon Enterprises as the voting delegate for Heidelberg Township, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

Secretary is working on updating Sam's contacts.

Secretary contacted TELCO for an estimate for damage done to the school flasher due to an accident. Will forward to the insurance carrier. There was also another accident to the traffic signal at S. Freeman and Rt. 422, however no one seems to know what happened and nothing was reported. This will cost us \$1,189.00 for repair. We have \$1,000 deductible.

JACK FROST PARADE – Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a Jack Frost Parade on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014 at 3 PM forming at the middle school, west on Penn Ave to Brooke and ending at the church. Trinity is in the process of obtaining a permit to close Rt. 422 from PennDOT.

MURAL – Supv. Wolfe reported he has someone in mind to paint a mural on the wall of the meeting room.

At this time an executive session was called to discuss personnel. Time 9:40 PM
The meeting was reconvened at 10:55 PM

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Yoh, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously. Time: 11:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 27, 2014