

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
JANUARY 29, 2015**

PRESENT: Thomas Schoener, Brian Thumm, Terry Wolfe, Brenda Bennick, Solicitor Haws, Carol Keppley, Robert Keppley, Chief Boyer, Caroline diCenso, Joe Nemec, Jason Cline, David Johnson, Gordy & Megan Miller, Tom Kellenberger and Cheryl Bowers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice Chairman Wolfe with the pledge to the flag.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

TOM KELLENBERGER – Mr. Kellenberger stated he was in attendance to support Chief Boyer. He asked the Board to consider placing Chief Boyer on full contract, not month to month. Vice Chairman Wolfe stated that Chief Boyer signed the month to month contract and any other police personnel issues will not and cannot be discussed in an open meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 18, 2014 were circulated. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the December 18, 2014 minutes as circulated, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

Secretary Bowers stated there was a mistake in the April 25, 2014 minutes. The Resolution #6-2014 state that any surplus property of Heidelberg Township for sale LESS than \$1,000.00 will need an appraisal. It should read that any surplus property of Heidelberg for sale MORE than \$1,000.00 will need an appraisal. Supv. Schoener made a motion to correct the April 25, 2014 minutes which should state that any item for sale more than \$1,000.00 will need an appraisal. Seconded by Supv Bennick and passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION MEETING: The minutes of the reorganization meeting of January 5, 2015 were circulated. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the reorganization meeting minutes of January 5, 2015, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

SEWER – The January report from Select Environment was circulated.

POLICE & FIRE – The January police report was circulated.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in January.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

ROADS, BLDG, & EQUIP. – The January road report was circulated. The new truck is in use, seems to be an issue with the truck body. The damage to the building was reported to the insurance company. Crack sealing is scheduled for the week of April 27 following Robesonia. Secretary is in touch with Charlie Paris to schedule meeting to determine which roads need work.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – There will be a hearing on February 24 at 7 PM. Mr. Mervin Hurst is seeking relief to build a second dwelling on his farm. The Supervisors have no objection.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Jerry Farro has inspected the following: Lamar billboard (new amp service), Clark Hummel (garage) and Reading Bakery (sign relocation).

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report circulated.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report circulated.

COG – No report.

PERSONNEL (Employee Discipline Policy) – Tabled till next month.

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 – All correspondence circulated. This will be discussed in Executive Session.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING – Supv. Thumm made a motion to authorize Secretary and Chairman Randler and Solicitor Haws to review the trash/recycling specs for final language and to email to all for review. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Discussion on the possibility of obtaining a grant for leaf collection. Secretary to talk to Jane Meeks.

ZONING ISSUES – The Kissling project will wait till warmer weather. Nothing new on the Sheidy, Painter and Kline properties.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

SIGNS – Discussed the letter from Steve Hanson of Ozgoods. Joe Nemec stated the businesses need to attract attention for the business to survive and the Township should tell them what they can do. After much discussion Supv. Schoener made a motion authorizing John Stine, Zoning Officer, to send a letter to the business's in violation stating the Township will not actively pursue enforcement and enclose a copy of Section 701-B of the Zoning Ordinance which gives them direction on what they can do. Motion seconded by Supv. Bennick. Voting yes – Wolfe, Bennick & Schoener. Voting no – Thumm. Motion carried.

BRUBAKERS – Secretary to contact them regarding the issuance of the U & O Permit.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP – Received correspondence from Lower Heidelberg Township regarding the Palm Rd. bridge. Secretary to get available dates from Neal at Lower Heidelberg.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – No report.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS/QUALITY OF LIVE – Vice Chairman stated this should either move forward or take it off the agenda.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE/FLAG FOR SAM - Vice Chairman Wolfe will be in contact with the family to determine a date for the dedication.

LITTLE GERMAN SIGN MAKERS – No report.

STATE CONVENTION – Supv. Thumm is the only one registered to attend. There will be a Road Maintenance Symposium. John Nace is interested in going – will circulate the information when received. Discussion on collecting canned good for military. Secretary to try to get this information to the public.

MS4 – Ashley Showers of the Berks County Planning Commission will be making a 15-20 minute presentation at the March 26 meeting. This must be advertised. All Supervisors agreed to advertise the March 26 meeting to begin at 7:00 PM which will allow Ashley ample time for her presentation.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – Two must run in May. Petitions may be picked up after February 17 and returned to the Election Office by March 10.

GELSINGER POULTRY PROJECT. – The Gelsingers signed the Improvements Agreement and Stormwater Maintenance Agreements. Supv. Thumm made a motion for the Supervisors to execute the agreements, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously. The \$91,000.00 Letter of Credit and \$7,000.00 Stormwater Escrow will be forthcoming and at that time the plans will be released for recording.

CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

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NEW BUSINESS

ROBESONIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY – Supv. Thumm made a motion to appoint Mary Jane Witman to the Robesonia Community Library for the year 2015. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

JACK FROST PARADE – Supv. Bennick made a motion to support Trinity Lutheran Church and for them to proceed with the PADOT application for the Jack Frost Parade scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015 at 3 PM. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

CONRAD WEISER GRADUATION PARTY – Supv. Schoener made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Conrad Weiser 2015 Graduation Party, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS – Supv. Wolfe stated due to the damage to the front of the building he thinks the Township should look into installing surveillance cameras around the buildings, however not monitored but recorded on a DVD. He suggested that the Secretary contact Security First and Chief Boyer to ask Joe Purfield for his input. Also discussed was protection at public meeting. The question was can the door be locked or a buzzer system be installed?

At this time an Executive Session was called to discuss litigation. Time 9:17 PM
The meeting was reconvened at 9:28 PM

Supv. Thumm made a motion to authorize Solicitor Haws to send letters to Solicitor Ludwig and the other municipalities stating that Heidelberg does not wish to pursue the matter any further. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Schoener, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously. Time: 9:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl L. Bowers
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 26, 2015 – 7:30 PM

Zoning Hearing for M. Hurst – February 24, 2015 – 7:00 PM