

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
JULY 31, 2014**

PRESENT: David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Brian Thumm, Terry Wolfe, Solicitor Haws, Robert and Carol Keppley, Mr. and Mrs. David Speece, Chief Boyer, Officer Purfield, Chief Pontition, Jeff Schatz and Cheryl Bowers.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

MR. & MRS. DAVID SPEECE – Chairman Randler, Terry Wolfe and Dennis Smaglinski met at the Speece residence on Harry Ave. on July 23. Mr. Speece had filed a complaint stating his neighbor on the west side is directing downspouts onto the Speece property. The Township mailed the neighbor a letter in May, asking them to redirect the downspouts, however nothing was done. While at the Speece residence on July 23, the neighbor's father came and Dennis Smaglinski gave him options on how to redirect the water away from the Speece property. Supv. Wolfe went by the property today and still nothing has been done. Solicitor Haws stated Mr. Speece could hire an attorney and issue a trespass claim against the neighbor. Solicitor Haws also stated the Township is limited as to what to do as this is not a code or zoning violation. After much discussion it was decided to have Dennis Smaglinski send the homeowners a follow-up letter stating their options and give them till the next meeting to correct the problem.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting were emailed. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to approve the June 26, 2014 minutes, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

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

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. The Vermeer invoice is being held till an answer can be determined. Chairman Randler made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Two bids were received for the pump work. Slaymaker from Washington Boro, Pa for \$2,427.40 and Schatz Electric for \$2,440.00. Chairman Randler pointed out that the bid from Slaymaker charged \$137.40 for PA State Tax and we are tax exempt.

After much discussion Supv. Thumm made a motion to award the bid to Slaymaker, he lowest bid , seconded by Chairman Randler. Voting yes, Supv. Thumm and Chairman Randler. Voting no, Supvs. Schoener and Wolfe. Motion did not pass

Discussion: It was stated that Schatz has always done the work over the years and is a local company. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to award the bid to Schatz Electric for \$2,440.00, seconded by Supv.

Schoener. Voting yes – Supv. Wolfe, Supv. Schoener and Chairman Randler. Voting no-Supv. Thumm. Motion passed by majority.

Chairman Randler stated the lines at AWI should be videoed and he will contact Captain Clog.

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POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT. - Police report was circulated by Chief Boyer. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to purchase two speed display signs and be reimbursed by the COG. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. The COG, at their last meeting, approved the purchase of speed display signs which will be shared by the COG members. The cost is not to exceed \$5,000.00 or a phone vote will be taken.

Supv. Thumm stated Chief Boyer should check the warranty on police car when repairs are needed. Also, Chief Boyer said the car needs new tires and he will get quotes.

Supv. Wolfe stated in light of the recent demonstration at Bethany, he feels that the Supervisors should have been informed. He stated that numerous people questioned him and he was embarrassed because he had no answers for them. Supv. Wolfe also asked Chief Boyer who authorized calling in the Sheriff Dept. and does Chief Boyer have any documentation on what was going to happen at Bethany. Chief Boyer responded that he thought the State Police were going to handle the situation, however at the last minute he found that the State Police would not handle the demonstration at Bethany. Chief Boyer stated that he was trying to keep the information out of the public for fear of it blowing up. Chief Boyer feels he did the right thing. Chief Pontition, Police Chief of Womelsdorf, agreed with Chief Boyer and stated that Chief Boyer did a good job.

Supv. Thumm stated that Chief Boyer had 28 hours of overtime which was not authorized by the Supervisors and this is not acceptable and won't happen again. However, Supv. Thumm stated Chief Boyer will be paid this time.

Supv. Thumm presented a copy of a letter to Chief Boyer for Quality of Life issues which will be emailed to all.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in July.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – The road report was emailed. Chairman Randler stated he has heard that bids for road repair are very high this year and maybe we should wait till next year for the cost to come down. Supv. Schoener made a motion to proceed with specs for a new truck, seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously. Central Garage is out of business and Hurst Repair has purchased the property. Supv. Schoener reported they will be charging \$60 per hour on heavy duty and \$50 per hour on light duty. All agreed to take Township trucks to Hurst for repairs. Chief Boyer should continue to take the police vehicle to W. Penn Auto. The road crew was instructed to clean up debris at the end of Lynn St.

RECREATION BOARD – Supv. Thumm stated he would like to see a tennis court or wall ball court at the Ryeland Rd. property.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Jerry Farry issued permits to Williams for a new house and an Occupancy Permit to Cardy for a day care center.

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report emailed.

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PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report emailed.

COG – No report.

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 – No report.

SOLID WASTE RECYCLING – Working with Jane Meeks of the Berks Solid Waste on utilizing the remainder of the grant. We will need to purchase recycling containers by next April.

ZONING ISSUES – Solicitor Haws stated he talked to John Stein (Kissling property) and John would need to rewrite a letter regarding Dangerous Structures. The focus of the letter should be on Sections C & D. Chairman Randler reported that someone is cleaning out the house on the Kline property. Mr. Kline has till Sept. 2.

BRUBAKERS – No report.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BRIDGES – Chairman Randler reported he attended the meeting at Lower Heidelberg Township, however he was 15 mins. late and the meeting was over. Secretary to contact Lower Heidelberg for minutes of the meeting.

COMCAST RENEWAL – No report.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS – Supv. Thumm circulated proposed Ordinance, Secretary to email to all.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE – The Supervisors should decide on where to place the flag pole.

CORRESPONDENCE

See Attached

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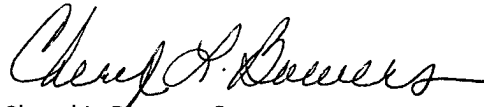
NEW BUSINESS

COMPLAINT – Received a complaint from Geneva Berger regarding tractor trailer trucks taking down wires in the Fry Manor area. The trucks are going to the rear of the old Gloray property and miss the turn on Lincoln Ave. After discussion it was decided that Chairman Randler will talk to Mr. DeAntonio, the owner of the building to place directional signs.

JOHNNIE & HON'S – Discussion on all the signs on the property. It was decided that a Supervisors will discuss this with Mr. Nemec.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Thumm, seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously. Time – 10 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl L. Powers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2014