

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
MARCH 6, 2015**

PRESENT: David Randler, Terry Wolfe, Thomas Schoener, Brenda Bennick, Carol Keppley, Robert Keppley, Solicitor Haws, Chief Boyer, Caroline deCenso, Rob Johnson, Karen Feick, Tammy Shimp and Cheryl Bowers.

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

The meeting started with a presentation by Tammy Shimp of the Berks Conservancy to discuss the MS4 program and an overview of stormwater. Tammy explained that the MS4 program is a joint effort with the Berks Conservancy, Berks County Planning Commission and the Berks County Conservation District. Tammy discussed the education component of the MS4 program. The public was invited, however no one was present. The information for residents will be put on the web page. Tammy said that this is a perfect opportunity for Heidelberg's Environmental Advisory Board to get involved. Chairman Randler stated we have spent over \$13,000 on the program. Tammy said she will see what the other municipalities have spent and report back.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ROBERT KEPPLEY – Mr. Keppley stated he was on the Board when the Joint Zoning Ordinance was implemented. The sign regulations were put in for a reason – quality of life. Mr. Keppley said allowing all the signs are not legal and a violation of the Joint Zoning Ordinance. Chairman Randler said yes, the Township did allow some of signs up. Solicitor Haws said the some things aren't worth the fight. Mr. Keppley also stated he is not in favor of allowing the establishments with alcohol to override the Liquor Control Board. Mr. Keppley said if the Township is in charge, who will enforce it?? Chairman Randler said nothing has been decided.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 26, 2015 were electronically circulated. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the February 26, 2015 minutes, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING: The minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting were electronically circulated. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to approve the March 16, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to pay the bills as presented plus the \$13,577.80 to Berks County for radios. Motion seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Chairman Randler reported he attended a meeting with the sewer authority and Grosfillex to discuss the discharge of cooling water bleed-off from the cooling tower being run in the sewer. The Township doesn't have a say in the matter, the sewer authority and Grosfillex are in agreement with the water going to the sewer system. Robesonia/Wernersville Municipal Authority would like to tour AWI, L & B, and Adelpia in Heidelberg Township and any other plants in other municipalities to determine what is being discharged into the sewer system.

POLICE & FIRE – The police report and schedule were circulated. Supv. Schoener asked why we haven't hired any part-time people yet. Discussion on hiring someone right out of the Police Academy. Also discussed were the three part-time people that were just hired in Womelsdorf. Chief Boyer will contact Womelsdorf Borough.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in March.

ROADS, BLDG & EQUIP. - The road report was circulated. Both the F550 truck and the '97 International are in need of repairs. The cost of the F550 cannot be determined until the job is started. It was decided to take the F550 to Jimmy's for a second opinion. The '97 International will be repaired. Repairing both trucks will be far cheaper than purchasing a new one.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Mervin Hurst hearing was granted.

BUILDING INSPECTOR – Jerry Farro issued permits to Giannotti (reno), Jacobs Telecommunications (cell tower), and Conrad Weiser Medical Clinic (sign).

ENGINEERS REPORT – Nothing to report.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report was electronically circulated.

COG –Chairman Randler reported all the Boards in the Joint Zoning are asked to attend a meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM at Womelsdorf Borough Hall to discuss the ACRE law suit.

PERSONNEL – No report.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COUNCIL – There is a meeting on April 7.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JOINT ZONING – No report.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE LAW SUIT – Correspondence was circulated.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING – Received the last check from DEP for \$13,137.27. This was for the start-up of the recycling program. Total received was \$31,137.27.

ZONING ISSUES – Solicitor Haws stated that the Kissling time frame has expired, with no effort from Mr. Kissling. The Township can post the property and tear down the building. Solicitor Haws will report back as to how to proceed.

Malcom Zwalley emailed pictures of the Kerry Kline property and asked again why nothing is being done. All agreed to have John Stine take another look at the property.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP (PALM RD. BRIDGE) Chairman Randler to meet with Neal Nevitt of Lower Heidelberg Township.

CONCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – No report.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE/FLAG – Chairman Wolfe said he has talked to Sam's daughter and they will work on a date.

STATE CONVENTION – Supv. Thumm will be attending.

NEMEC – Mr. Nemeć dropped off a check for \$500.00 to be put in escrow. This escrow will be used to reimburse Solicitor Haws for a call he will make to a Liquor Control Attorney to determine what procedure needs to be followed.

CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE PENSION PLAN AMENDMENT – Supv. Schoener made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION #5-2015** which redefines the definition of "spouse" for purposes of the Plan. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Wolfe, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Time 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

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PRESENT: David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Brenda Bennick, Terry Wolfe, Brian Thumm, Joe Purfield, Rob Johnson, Leonard Martin, Chief Boyer, Caroline diCenso, Lori Brown, Val Lacis, Joe Nemeec, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller, Carol Keppley, Solicitor Haws and Cheryl Bowers.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

JOE NEMEC – Mr. Nemeec presented a procedure for a noise exemption hearing with the PA Licensed Beverage & Tavern Association. The municipality must submit an application to the PA Liquor Control Board. A list of the process initiation was outlined. After some discussion it was tabled till next meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 29, 2015 meeting were circulated. Supv. Bennick made a motion to approve the January 29, 2015, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. Chairman Randler made a motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Chairman Randler requested that the bill (\$13,000) for the county radios be held till we can get more information from Christian Leinbach. The bill is due in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER- Select Environment January report was circulated.

POLICE & FIRE – The police report/schedule was circulated. Chief Boyer stated he is looking for a part-timer police person. The Pioneer Hose yearly report was circulated. Robesonia is working on the numbers for the Workers Comp. Supv. Wolfe said if we contribute to Robesonia, we should do the same for Womelsdorf.

EMERGENCY MGT.- No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Minutes circulated.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – The road report was circulated. Supv. Thumm asked why Manbeck Rd. was still not two lanes. Charlie Paris will be here on Friday, March 20 at 9 AM. to go over road work. There will be a Municipal Road & Safety Maintenance Symposium held on Sun. & Mon. during the State Convention at Hershey. The cost per person is \$65. John and Gary have shown interest in attending. Supv. Schoener made a motion to pay for the road crew to attend the symposium at the State Convention in April. Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Mervin Hurst hearing is set for February 24.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Nothing this month.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Report circulated.

PLUMBING & SEO- TEI report.

COG – No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – 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 – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING – Received notice from DEP we will be receiving the final payment (\$13,137). We have received a total of \$32,200 – this is for the recycling start-up. Solicitor Haws will advertise for trash/recycling bids to be awarded on Monday, Mar. 16, 2015 at 7 PM.

ZONING ISSUES – Nothing has changed.

BRUBAKERS – Jerry to issue a Certificate of Occupancy.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP/ PALM ROAD BRIDGE – No report.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – No report.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTION – No report.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE/FLAG – No report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

STATE CONVENTION – April 19-22 – Supv. Thumm is registered to attend.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – There are two Supervisor positions to fill. Petitions must be submitted to the Election Services Office by March 10.

CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

NEW BUSINESS

MS4 – Ashley Showers of Berks Planning Commission will make a presentation at 7 PM, prior to the regular meeting on March 26. This will be advertised and open to the public.

OUTSIDE SECURITY – Security First submitted a bid. Joe Purfield and Chairman Randler will look into it also.

POLICE PENSION PLAN AMENDMENT RESOLUTION – This was tabled till next month. Chief Boyer stated he has no information on the pension plan.

PSATS UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION GROUP TRUST

ORDINANCE #169

***ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP IN THE PSATS
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION GROUP TRUST PURSUANT TO THE PA INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COOPERATION LAW***

Supv. Schoener made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE #169 as stated above, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

At this time an Executive Session was called to discuss legal matters. Time 8:40PM
The meeting was reconvened at 9:35 PM

Chairman Randler stated he will call a Joint Zoning meeting and request all boards be present to discuss the ACRE matter.

There was no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chairman Randler, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously. Time: 9:45PM

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 26, 2015 – 7PM