

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
MARCH 31, 2016**

PRESENT: David Randler, Thomas Schoener, David Manbeck, Brian Thumm, Solicitor Haws, Robert Keppley, Carol Keppley, David Wolfskill, Norman Manbeck, Carol Duran and Cheryl Bowers. Absent: Terry Wolfe.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

DAVID WOLFskill – Mr. Wolfskill presented a letter requesting the zoning on his property (37+ acres) which is the old Wertz property. Mr. Wolfskill said they have been farming this land for over 48 yrs. and have no intention of subdividing. The land is also along the creek which is very prone to flooding and followed by a steep hill. Mr. Wolfskill said the reason for his request to change the zoning to Agricultural is so he can put the land in Ag. Security and Land Preservation. The land is currently zoned Medium Density Residential. Mr. Wolfskill also stated he has someone looking into an emergency permit for the Furnace Creek flooding problems along his property.

DAVID RANDLER – Chairman Randler also presented a request for zoning change for his properties at 608,620-624,628,644-645,678 West Penn Avenue. They are presently zoned Low Density Residential and he would like to change it to Highway Commercial. All the properties across Rt. 422 are zoned Highway Commercial. The properties to the west are zoned Light Industrial and Highway Commercial. The following properties are not owned by Chairman Randler: 604, 616, 670, 682, 686 and the billboards along Rt. 422. The change would not affect the existing homes; it should enhance the resale value.

NORMAN MANBECK – Mr. Manbeck owns farm land along Lamm Rd. and Bunker Hill (53.2 acres). His property is currently located in Low Density Residential. He would also like to change the zoning to Ag Preservation.

After much discussion Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the zoning requests for David Wolfskill, Norman Manbeck and David Randler and move ahead with the AG recommendations. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Chairman Randler abstained. These recommendations will be presented at the Joint Planning Commission on April 21, 2016.

Solicitor Haws stated that the County must have 30 days to review any zoning changes and the properties need to be posted. Technicon will also need to update the zoning maps.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 25, 2016 were circulated. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the February 25, 2016 minutes as circulated, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

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

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

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PAYMENT OF BILLS CONTINUED: Secretary presented an additional request for a contribution to the Berks County Conservation District. Chairman Randler made a motion to donate \$25.00 to the Berks County Conservation District, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Carol Keppley reported she received a \$900.00 bill from Conrad Seigel Actuaries (police pension fund) for information needed by the auditors. The Auditor stated he did not request the information from Conrad Seigel, however the engagement letter was produced by the auditor to have the Police Pension information released. The Auditor talked to Chairman Randler and again told him he did not need the information and did not request the information because of the way Heidelberg Township does the accounting. No decision on who is paying the \$900.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – No report.

POLICE, FIRE & EQUIP. - The Police report/schedule was circulated. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously. Included in Chief Boyer's report was information for new tires and repair the air conditioner in the old police car. All agreed to proceed with the purchase of tires and repair the air conditioner.

PLANNING COMMISSION – No meeting in February

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – The February road report was circulated. Chairman Randler will call the electrician to fix the light at Sam's flag. Supv. Schoener will talk to Carl Unger on Ryeland Rd. regarding the drainage on his property. Charlie Paris will be contacted to work up the road specs.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Costenbader (deck), Civitarese (generator), Omerzo (deck), Richardson (garage), Superior Sign, BB&T Bank (sign)

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report emailed.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report emailed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACRE LAW SUIT – An agreement has been reached!!!!

ZONING ISSUES – John Stine's report was emailed. Solicitor Haws was instructed to contact John Stine and have Mr. Kissling be fined daily. Received paperwork to proceed with the Kerry Kline Blighted Property. Chairman Randler will contact John Stine regarding Arndt's Recovery.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

BETHANY – Tabled till after roadwork

PALM ROAD BRIDGE – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Conrad Weiser School – Thank you for the donation to the class of 2016 post-graduation party.
Pioneer Hose Firemen’s Association compliance audit
Berks County Commissioners – breakfast meetings
West Nile Virus Control Coordinator for the Berks County Conservation District – Evan Corondi

NEW BUSINESS

BETHANY STORAGE TANK RELEASE – Received a letter from DEP regarding a release from a storage tank located on Bethany property. Up to 100 gallons of heating oil was released during transfer between storage tanks impacting soil and surface waters. No action by the Supervisors, this was just a notification notice.

BIG SPRING ROAD BRIDGE – Notification from PennDOT on inspection of Big Spring Rd. This inspection is on a two year cycle. PennDOT only gets involved in inspection for bridges 20 ft. or greater.

BRIDGE OVER SPRING CREEK – PennDOT is applying for a permit for bridge replacement. This is the old cement bridge on N. Church St. at the sewer plant.

GREG STRICKER – Received a letter from Mr. Stricker requesting information to build a house on his father’s farm located at 3880 N. Church St., Wernersville. A letter was sent to him stating he would need a Special Exception Hearing and that they would have to contact Clean & Green for that information.

RT. 422 PROJECT – Supv. Thumm reported he attended a meeting in Allentown. The project will start in April 2016 and be completed November 2017 with a cost of \$13 million. There will be a local meeting in the near future.

WINTER STORM JONAS – Chairman Randler made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION #5-2016** appointing Secretary, Cheryl Bowers as the agent for obtaining financial assistance from FEMA/PEMA for costs incurred from the winter storm Jonas. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

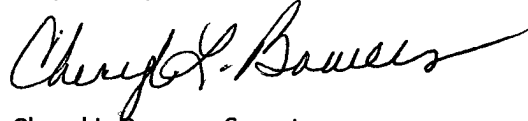
At this time an executive session was called to discuss personnel. 8:44 PM
The meeting was reconvened at 9:18 PM

The Supervisors decided that no workshops/conferences shall be attended by any employee unless authorized by the Board of Supervisors or their committee.

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chairman Randler, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Time 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl L. Bowers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING – APRIL 28, 2016 – 7:30 PM