

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
MAY 29, 2014**

PRESENT: David Randler, Terry Wolfe, Tom Schoener, Brian Thumm, Solicitor Haws, Robert Ludgate, Chief Boyer, Joseph Purfield, Carol Keppley, David Johnson and Cheryl Bowers.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ROBERT LUDGATE – Mr. Ludgate is representing the Borough of Sinking Spring and is requesting a letter of support of Phase Two for the highway bottleneck. Phase One was the demolition of the vacated Boscov's and construction of "Spring Market". Sinking Spring is now trying to implement Phase Two which will replace the existing crooked intersection of Columbia Ave. at the old Borough Hall. PennDOT plans to build a "betterment project" on Rt. 422 from Wernersville into Sinking Spring. As part of the "betterment," PennDOT will build a new square intersection to replace the existing problem, if Sinking Spring will correct the streets which will cross Rt. 422. The Borough's cost for their share of this project is \$4.5 million, including engineering, right-of-way and construction. The grant they are seeking can provide up to \$3 million which will leave Sinking Spring to come up with the remainder. Since residents of Western Berks municipalities are inconvenienced by the bottleneck of traffic in Sinking Spring, they are requesting a letter of support for the project and their grant application. After some discussion it was determined that Mr. Ludgate send the Secretary an outline of how they want the letter to read. All agreed to proceed with giving our support to Sinking Spring.

CHIEF BOYER – Chief Boyer asked when the school flashers will be turned on. Secretary stated that she received an email from the insurance company asking the same thing as they would like to settle the claim. Chairman Randler stated the he talked to the school solicitor, off the record, and he stated they are not planning on taking over the flashers since the PennDOT permit is in our name, however no one knows where a permit might be. Secretary contacted several school districts and Wilson and Tulpehocken pay for their flashers. The Borough of Shillington pays for the Governor Mifflin district. The Borough of Wernersville pays for the flashers at East and also half of the school crossing guard. Telco, PP&L and the insurance company are waiting for a resolution in this matter. Discussion on contacting more municipalities, sending more letters to the school etc. Also discussed was the time and money spent trying to resolve the issue. Chairman Randler suggested to have the electric turned on and the Township can bill the school. The cost is approximately \$17.00 a month.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting were emailed to everyone. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to approve the April 24, 2014 minutes, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

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

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Select Environment (Mike Kreiser) report for April was emailed to all. Mike will inspect the John Stoltzfus sewer line replacement. There were tree roots in the line. Chairman Randler stated he thinks everything is running smoothly and reported that Mike discussed gravity flow in Fry Manor to eliminate the pump station. Mike said a shed and trailer are not needed. Carol Keppley circulated an email from Harris Shermot of AWI a report of the recent calibration. Chairman Randler reported Jeff Shatz had not returned his calls regarding reversing the switches on the pump stations. The Sewer Transportation Agreement with Robesonía is still outstanding.

POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT. – The police report was circulated. Chairman Randler remarked that it was a very detailed report. Supv. Thumm questioned Chief Boyer on the abandoned vehicles stating citations should have been issued. Chief Boyer reported that the air conditioner on the Durango does not work and he received an estimate of \$1,200 for the repair. Supv. Thumm asked Mike to get more estimates with maybe using used parts. Supv. Thumm stated he might attend the Emergency Management for Elected Officials class on June 25.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting in May. The Lynette Gelsing Poultry Operation will be discussed at the June meeting.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. - The road report was circulated. The workers from the Wernersville Correction Center worked out well and a letter will be sent to the Center stating that.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Jerry issued permits to Steve Butler for a pool and basement egress.

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report was emailed.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report was emailed. Daniel Gresoi of Palm Rd. was issued a repair permit to his septic system; however he has since been approved by Robesonía to connect to public sewer. He will be a customer of Robesonía.

COG – Next meeting is Monday, June 16 at 7 PM

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE COUNCIL – No report.

ENVORINMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JOINT ZONING – No report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

JOINT ZONING – No report.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE LAW SUIT – No report.

SOLID WASTE – We have till April 2015 to use the remaining money in the grant and approximately \$9,000 must be used for new recycling containers. Secretary to contact Lebanon Farms to see what they suggest.

ZONING ISSUES – John Stein's report was emailed. Supv. Wolfe reported that Mr. Kissling is working on his property. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to grant an extension to the end of the year to Mr. Kissling. There was no second to the motion. Mr. Kissling has to the June meeting as previously agreed upon. Discussion on the letter from Mr. Werner requesting an extension on his property. Chairman Randler stated that the property has been cleaned up. Chairman Randler made a motion to grant Mr. Werner an extension to the end of the year to demolish, sell or bring the property up to code. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener. Supv. Thumm voted no and Supv. Wolfe abstained. The motion passed as the abstention was a non-vote.

After discussion on the Kerry Kline property Supv. Schoener made a motion to have a dumpster delivered, clean up the property and scrap metal and then place a lien on the property for our costs. Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

Supv. Wolfe stated there are sofas standing outside the rental properties on Hill Rd. Secretary to send a letter to the owner.

BRUBAKERS HEATING – Secretary was instructed to have Jerry check in with them again.

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BRIDGES – No report.

TOWNSHIP MAP – Still at the printers.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – No report.

RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS – No report.

FURNACE CREEK DAM PROJECT – Received a report from DEP – no violations. Chairman Randler stated it looks good.

JACK KEENERS PROJECT – Chairman Randler stated he received a call from DEP asking if Jack had permission to place the pipe on Lamm Rd. He was also told that Jack has a valid DEP approval permit from 1992. Chairman Randler told her the only person who would know that is no longer here. Chairman Randler stated we have no jurisdiction on water issues.

Solicitor Haws stated he is representing Mr. Keener and could not comment of the issue.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

C.W. LITTLE SCOUTS - Supv. Schoener will check the trees and replace if necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE

SEE ATTACHED

NEW BUSINESS

PennDOT Agility – Supv. Schoener made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION #7-2014** which adopts the PennDOT Agility Program for five years. Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

EAGLE SCOUT – Ryan Garber contacted the Township regarding building a 16 x 32 pole building for his Eagle Scout project. It will be a pole building with a tin roof, no cement floor. It will be used for the scouts to sleep under. Jerry Farro said he had no problem with it. After discussion it was decided to have Ryan fill out a zoning permit application since it is less than 1,000 sq. ft. , however no fee will be charged.

BETHANY – Jerry will be issuing Occupancy Permits for four of the cottages and will look into any renovations being done in the Hess Cottage to house 32 illegal immigrants.

WILLIAMS PROPERTY – The Building Permit is waiting till the water issue is resolved.

AMY DERR FISHER DRIVEWAY – Discussion on the water issue running onto S. Freeman St. from the Derr/Fisher property. It was decided to try to contact Amy to correct the problem.

FLAG POLE – Supv. Wolfe made a motion to proceed with a 30 ft. flag pole, solar light and a plaque in memory of Sam Perrotto not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously. Supv. Schoener abstained.

ZONING BOOKS – Zoning books need to be printed. In discussing this with Joe Purfield he suggested that we have CD's made instead. After discussion with the Supervisors it was decided to have 50 books printed and also have several CD's on hand.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Thumm, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Time 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary