

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD  
MAY 28, 2015**

**PRESENT:** David Randler, Brenda Bennick, Terry Wolfe, Brian Thumm, Thomas Schoener, Solicitor Haws, Chief Boyer, Caroline DeCenso, Carol Keppley, Robert Keppley, Karen Feick and Cheryl Bowers.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**ROBERT KEPPLEY** – Mr. Keppley questioned the Supervisors about the condition of Birdsfoot Dr. and Lamm Rd. Chairman Randler stated both roads are on the list of road repairs. This led to discussion on the condition of all the roads in the Township. The following are the ones needing immediate attention:

- 1) Lamm Rd. – from Rt. 422 past Blossom to the turn.
- 2) Bethany Rd. – to pond at the new part of road.
- 3) Bunker Hill – both east and west.

Supervisors Schoener will check Birdsfoot Dr.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the April 30, 2015 meeting were emailed. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the April 30, 2015 minutes, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Carol Keppley, Treasurer 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. Schoener made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – Carol Keppley reported that C & S took over AWI on Oct. 2 and a check for \$15,000.00 will be forthcoming, however AWI still owes approximately \$10,000.00. Chairman Randler reported that he is working on receiving clearer specs for the AWI pump station.

**POLICE & FIRE** – Police report and June schedule were circulated. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to approve the June schedule, seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously. Chief Boyer stated he is in the process of hiring William (Buck) Santana as a part-time police officer. New equipment needs to be purchased. Chief Boyer also reported the speed sign was set on Big Spring Rd., but the information would not print. He will be in touch with the manufacturer.

**EMERGENCY MGT.** – No report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – No meeting in May.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

ROADS, BUILDING & EQUIP. – See Audience Participation for road information. Discussion on the lack of cooperation from the other municipalities regarding the three week crack sealing work. Supv. Thumm made a motion to send Wernersville and Robeson a letter stating our displeasure and requesting reimbursement. Motion seconded by Chairman Randler. Street sweeping is set for June 3. Repairs to front of building are being completed. Road specs from Landis Deck were emailed.

RECREATION BOARD – Supv. Wolfe reported that he and Supv. Bennick met prior to this meeting and discussed the possibility of building a pavilion on the land on Ryeland Rd. Supv. Wolfe stated he received an estimate from Steve Heister for a 16 x 20 pavilion at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00. Also discussed was asking Bethany to donate some of the playground equipment they used at the now closed child day care. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to proceed with the investigation of the pavilion. to be determined by cost, seconded by Supv. Bennick. Motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT - The following permits were issued: Landon Heimbach – in ground pool, Reading Bakery Systems – paint booth installation, Willis Wenger – commercial renovations.

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report emailed.

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report emailed.

COG – No report.

PERSONNEL – No report.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COUNCIL – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

WESTERN BERKS JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION – Minutes emailed.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – Chairman Randler stated that Womelsdorf opted to join the County. They never notified us of their decision. Secretary to contact Bill Mahon to see if he still wants to be the representative of Heidelberg. Chairman Randler will talk to Womelsdorf and see if we can remain together .

ZONING ISSUES – TEI – John Stein’s report emailed. After much discussion Supv. Bennick made a motion to proceed with the maximum fines per day as determined by the District Judge. Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm. Motion passed unanimously. Voting no – Supv. Wolfe.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED**

LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP – PALM ROAD BRIDGE – No report.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROCESS – Secretary to contact Liz Sterner and invite her to attend a meeting. After much discussion on the phones Supv. Bennick and Chairman Randler volunteered to come back with proposals from different carriers. The Supervisors agreed that currently too much money is spent on phones. Chief Boyer's phone needs to be updated.

MS4 – Email from Tami Shimp was forwarded.

JOE LENZI – Received Notification of First Land Application from DEP. There is a 30 day review period notice. Secretary to contact neighbors to get their feedback.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

See attached

**NEW BUSINESS**

SINKING SPRING BOROUGH – Received letter requesting funding for their \$2,000,000.00 commitment to ease traffic congestion on Rt. 422. This was tabled.

GLORAY WATER TOWER – Received a phone call from present owners and asked if we wanted to advertise on the tower. All agreed not to advertise.

WALL IN MEETING ROOM – Chairman Randler said Jonestown Bank has framed photographs hanging in their Newmanstown office and this might be a possibility of the meeting room. He will get proposals.

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE – Chairman Randler presented the Board with their quarterly report.

At this time (9:35 pm) an Executive Session was called to discuss personnel and possible litigation. The meeting was reconvened at 10:10 PM

RADIOS FOR TRUCKS – Supv. Schoener said he would like to see the trucks equipped with radios. Supv. Schoener will get proposals and report back.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Wolfe and seconded by Supv. Bennick and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl J. Bowers, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 25**