

MINUTES - HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING

November 20, 2024

PRESENT: Dave Randler, Eric Goudy, Lori Brown, Tom Schoener, Nicole Werner, Kevin Snyder, Solicitor Andrew George, Chief Matt Hook, Deb Ohlinger, Geneva Berger, Eileen Zerbe, Ryan Zerbe (Womelsdorf Fire Co.), Kathy Yarnall, Logan Werner, Elliot Leomporra

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randler at 7:30pm

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Geneva Berger – Complimented the Public Works Department regarding leaf collections

Eileen Zerbe – No comment

Deb Ohlinger – Asked if there was a status on 319 Lincoln Ave. Complimented the Public Works Department regarding leaf collections

Kathy Yarnall – No comment

Logan Werner – No comment. Attending meeting as a requirement for a potential scholarship.

MINUTES: MOTION made to pass October 30, 2024 by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously. With the correction under public comment, Big Spring Rd not Ryeland Rd

TREASURERS REPORT: MOTION made to approve the November, 2024 treasurers report by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Goudy. **PASSED** unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: MOTION made by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Report - Report provided by Chief Matt Hook. 46 calls to service, 23 citations, 5 criminal arrests, 1 summary arrest. Police report noted press release regarding fatal accident on Rt 422 and Big Spring Rd.

Fire Emergency – Ryan Zerbe, Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Co – Took delivery of reserved fire truck. The truck to be refurbished is being stored at Marion Township. No update on run-card adjustments.

Sewer – Tractor trailer hit power line at AWI pump station. Insurance claim will be made. Cost could reach \$10,000

Planning Commission – Meeting held on November 6 at 7pm. Discussion topics were Brubaker Warehouse, Conrad Weiser Homestead (no action taken), Furnace Village III (no action taken)

Roads, Building & Equipment –

- Fry Manor Driveways: NOV's will be mailed this week. A general letter to all residents will follow after NOV's are received.
- Heidelberg Rd Bridge: Solicitor George mailed letter to Lower Heidelberg Township's council requesting a copy of the LSA Grant application. To date, no response.

Committee Reports continued . . .

Personnel – No report

Recreation Board/Pool – No report

Zoning Hearing Board – No report

Joint Zoning Board – No report

Engineers Report – Report provided by TEI.

SEO Report - Report Provided by TEI

Zoning Report - Report Provided by TEI

Communications – No report

Solicitor’s Report – Report provided by Solicitor George.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Western Berks Ambulance Report,
- GFL Monthly Recycling Report
- ARRO Water Services Monthly Report
- Stanilla Siegel & Maser LLC engagement letter for 2024 Audit.

MOTION made to advertise Stanilla, Siegel and Maser as CPA to perform 2024 audit by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Goudy. **PASSED** unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 2025 Budget Review: discussion of EMS tax at .25 mil (\$30,168.80 per year) to Fire/EMS dispatch fees, EMS and Fire donation.

MOTION made to advertise the 2025 budget made by Sup Brown, **SECOND** by Sup Snyder. **PASSED** unanimously.

- 2025 Berks County Municipal Tax Sheet: tabled to December meeting.
- Big Spring Rd: Discussion regarding reducing speed limit with Jen McConnell, TEI. An unofficial speed study is required per traffic engineer consultant. Based on the results of the police study, even a 35 mph speed limit wouldn’t be justified. Posted speed limits can be + or – 5 mph of the 85th percentile, which was around 50mph. Discussion took place regarding additional signage, additional 35mph speed signs, Caution Children at Play and SLOW Pedestrians signs. Chairman Randler would like to see the mailboxes moved to the opposite of the roadway for safety.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 946 W. Penn Ave, Brubaker Warehouse: Proposing building expansion of 7300 sq ft., no increase of employees, storage only, no restroom facilities, access points will not change. Use is allowed in both zoning districts.

MOTION made by Sup Snyder to waive Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Sec 304 & 305 requiring separate plans for submission, instead submit both preliminary and final combined, waive Ordinance No. 192 Sec 303.B.1 & 6 requiring 5 year post to 2 year pre and 2 year post and 1 year pre, waive Ordinance No. 192 Sec 303.D.2 to meet water quality requirements, 2 year post development flow must be reduced to the one year pre-development flow. **SECOND** by Sup Goudy. **PASSED** unanimously.

MOTION to grant conditional final plan approval contingent upon compliance with Township Engineer's letter dated October 29, 2024 by Sup Schoener, **SECOND** by Sup Snyder. **PASSED** unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup. Brown, **PASSED** unanimously at 8:28pm.

Next meeting will be held on December 18, 2024 at 7:30pm, Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Werner, Township Secretary