

MINUTES - HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING

October 30, 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.), Randy & Kathy Yarnall, Randy Yoh, Pete Snyder

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Geneva Berger – Had questions regarding the trash service and billing. Chairman Randler and Secretary Werner to discuss with Casella.

Eileen Zerbe – No Comment

Randy & Kathy Yarnall – Commented on the beginning of renovation work being completed at 50 W Ryeland Rd. Questioned when the work is to begin at the Superfund Site. Secretary Werner stated she received notice it has been delayed until 2025.

Pete Snyder – Discuss speeding on Big Spring Rd

Randy Yoh – Discuss speeding on Big Spring Rd

Cheryl Bowers – Discuss speeding on Big Spring Rd

MINUTES: MOTION made to pass September 25, 2024 by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Report - Report provided by Chief Matt Hook. Press release was made on the fatal motor vehicle accident at Big Spring Rd & Route 422, investigation has been completed. 53 calls to service, 2 traffic citations, 8 warnings, 1 criminal arrest, 2 non-traffic violations. Extra patrol will be staffed for Halloween and the Jack Frost Parade. The new SRO is settling in nicely to his position.

Fire Emergency – Ryan Zerbe, Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Co – 322 calls per year. Evaluating future ladder truck for replacement and have decided to refurbish (cost about \$150,000). This will extend the life of the truck 10-15 years. The refurbishment will take about 5-6 months. During that time, a ladder truck will need to be purchased/rented. One is available to purchase in Scranton for \$80,000. This unit will be sold after the refurbishment is complete on the original. The Township was asked if the unit could be stored at the Township Yard Waste property prior to refurbishment.

Fire Company Run Cards – Sup Schoener & Chairman Randler met with Robesonia & Womelsdorf Fire Companies to review run cards. Suggestions were made by both company representatives.

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EMS – Discussion regarding Western Berks Ambulance donation took place. Chairman Randler suggested an increase of an additional \$5000 per year (the current donation for 2024 is \$6800).

Sewer – Traffic accident occurred at the pump station on Old Route 422. The station is currently working off the generator and will be an insurance claim from C&S Wholesales.

Planning Commission – Meeting to be held on November 6 at 7pm. Discussion topics are to be Brubaker Warehouse, Conrad Weiser Homestead, Furnace Village III

Roads, Building & Equipment –

- Big Spring Rd: Analyze amount of signage currently placed on Big Spring Rd. Possible speed limit change, Ordinance with advertisement required.

MOTION to approve the advertisement of the speed limit change on Big Spring Rd to 25 miles per hour by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously

- Public Works Truck: The truck has been ordered, contracts signed, should be delivered by end of 2024.
- Dead/Diseased Trees: Chairman Randler to review letter.
- School Flashers: Contract signed with CM High, waiting for installation dates.
- Fry Manor Driveways: Memo from TEI distributed to board with list of recommendations of removal. Sup Snyder suggested that a letter be sent to all residents stating not to pave through roll curb.
- Heidelberg Rd Bridge: Lower Heidelberg Township received \$680,000 LSA Bridge Grant. Solicitor George to forward letter to request a copy of grant application.
- Water Street Bridge: Rodney Deiffenbach to begin repairs within the month.
- Bethany Children’s Home Water Co: Sup Schoener had a resident ask about the number of trucks agreed upon for daily travel from the Water Co. Secretary Werner to review agreement.

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

Committee Reports continued . . .

Communications – No report

Solicitor’s Report – Report provided by Solicitor George. South Heidelberg Township Police Dept had an agreement and forwarded to Bethany Children’s Home for review. To date no response.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Western Berks Ambulance Report,
- GFL Monthly Recycling Report
- ARRO Water Services Monthly Report
- Robesonia Wernersville Municipal Authority meeting minutes
- Letter from Bryan Martin regarding financial security release for the property located at 551 Hill Rd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 551 Hill Rd, Traci Kissinger Financial Security Release.

MOTION made by Sup Snyder to approve the Financial Security Release, in the amount of \$23,521.25, for the property located at 551 Hill Rd, Robesonia.

SECOND by Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2025 Budget Review
- Tax Sitting Hours: Janet Thumm requested approval of the 2025 tax sitting hours.

MOTION made to approve the 2025 tax sitting hours requested by Janet Thumm, Tax Collector by Sup Snyder. **SECOND** by Sup Brown. **PASSED** unanimously.

- Berks County 2024 Municipal Tax Sheet: Tabled to November

EXECUTIVE SESSION: dismissed at pm 8:54.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Sup Schoener, **SECOND** by Sup. Brown, **PASSED** unanimously at 8:55pm.

Next meeting will be held on November 20, 2024 at 7:30pm, Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Werner, Township Secretary