

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**

PRESENT: David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Terry Wolfe, Brian Thumm, Carol Keppley, Solicitor Haws, Charles Brown, Kristen Stoltzfus, Ruth Radcliffe, Cathy Costello, Amy Johnson, Rob Johnson, Dave McQuate, Solicitor Bucolo, Chief Boyer, Robert Keppley and Val Laxis.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

CHARLES BROWN – Mr. Brown is concerned about dog waste on his property and wanted to know if there is an ordinance. There is no ordinance state or locally. Mr. Brown suggested putting something in the newsletter or website stressing the importance of picking up after your dog. Mr. Brown also asked where to get rid of yard waste. Chairman Randler stated Zwicky's on Bernville Rd.

ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL

Kristen Stoltzfus

Ruth Radcliffe

Cathy Costello – Presented some of the information requested by the Township. There are approximately 164 persons, on an average over the past three 3 years, attending the pool, however addresses are not required when people pay the daily rate. They will be approaching Robesonia, Wernersville and South Heidelberg Township for contributions. They stated any amount will be appreciated. Chairman Randler said they will be working on the budget shortly and will take their request under advisement.

JOHN BUCOLO, ESQUIRE

David McQuate

Rob & Amy Johnson – Solicitor Bucolo is representing David McQuate who wishes to subdivide his lot. He currently has 2.4 acres and after a subdivision of approximately 1 acre it would leave him with approximately 1 acre. Mr. McQuate is looking for a waiver of the SALDO regarding lot size. Chairman Randler stated this is a Zoning Issue as the minimum lot size in Conservation Residential is 2 acres and a variance will be needed in order to change the McQuate lot to less than 2 acres. Chairman Randler asked if it is possible to do an annexation. Mr. McQuate assured the Board that there are no plans for development. After much discussion Solicitor Haws will research the SALDO and Zoning Ordinance and get back to Attorney Buccolo and Attorney George.

CHIEF BOYER – Chief Boyer stated he will need a lap-top designated for updates for the new radios. Chief Boyer said we can go in with Sinking Spring and Western Berks Police to purchase a shared lap-top for \$205 for 3 years. Supv. Thumm stated Bernville went with the Bernville Fire Co. and did Chief Boyer ask our fire companies. Chief Boyer said he will contact them. After much discussion, Supv. Schoener made a motion to go together with Sinking Spring and Western Berks Police to purchase a lap-top to be shared as a cost of \$205 for 3 years. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously. Voting no – Supv. Thumm.

Chief Boyer stated that Joe Purfield might be able to continue to work part-time, however he will still take care of the Township's computers. Chief Boyer will start looking for a part-time officer.

Chief Boyer also reported that electronic speed signs are in use. Chairman Randler stated that they should be placed on our insurance policy.

Discussion on having police presence during the King Frost Parade on Nov. 2

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MINUTES: The minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting were circulated. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the August 28, 2014, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Carol Keppley circulated the September treasurers report. Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the September 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 Chairman Randler and passed unanimously.

BUDGET MEETING – OCT. 8 AFTER THE DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING AT 6 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Supv. Wolfe made a motion to purchase an 8 x 10 shed from Myerstown Sheds at a cost of \$1,075 (free delivery), seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously. This will house the generator and be placed at AWI/Grosfillex area. The wiring will be done by Shatz Electric, however the parts are not in and they are also waiting for the delivery of the shed.

POLICE, FIRE & EMG. MGT. - See Audience Participation/Chief Boyer.
Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the request for Fire Police for the Shred Event at National Penn Bank on Oct. 18, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Received Richard Hassler’s resignation effective the end of the year.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – Chairman Randler reported the truck has been ordered and the body was finalized today. Discussion on purchasing anti-skid and salt. Chairman Randler to order road salt.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Nothing to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT – TEI report emailed

PLUMBING & SEO – TEI report emailed

COG – Pligit funds will transfer to Jonestown Bank on Sept. 26.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE COUNCIL – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – No report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JOINT ZONING – No report.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE – No report.

ACRE LAW SUIT – No report.

SOLID WASTE – 816 recycling containers were ordered. Discussion on how to distribute them. Suggestions were: put notice in trash bill, sewer bill, web site, Election Day, door to door etc.

ZONING ISSUES- Dangerous Structure (Kissling – Oct. 8 @ 6 pm). Supervisors agreed to have John Stine check the Sheidy and painter properties for compliance.

Kerry Kline – The Supervisors agreed to determine the time spent by John and Gary to clean up the property and place a lien on the property. The also agreed to continue the clean-up with Chief Boyer standing by.

BRUBAKERS – No Report.

Lower Heidelberg Township bridges – No report.

Comcast Renewal Process – No report.

Rental Property Inspections/Quality of Life – No report.

Memorial Plaque/flag for Sam – No report.

Malcolm Zwally (Kerry Kline property) – emailed his letter.

ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL – See Audience Participation

LITTLE GERMAN SIGN MAKERS – All agreed on an 8 ft. mural.

CORRESPONDENCE

See Attached

NEW BUSINESS

WERTZ DENTAL ESCROW RELEASE – Received a request from Dr. Wertz for release of his escrow funds. Dennis Smaglinski inspected the property and found everything in order except a sidewalk buckling. Mr. Wertz has agreed to fix the sidewalk. Supv. Schoener made a motion to release the Wertz Dental Escrow in the amount of \$11,850.00, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

JAMES WILLIAMS –Mr. Williams is requesting an eight month extension till June 2015 to meet the Robesonia Borough paving requirements. Mr. Williams is building a home in Heidelberg Township; however his driveway comes out in Robesonia Borough. Robesonia has a 20 ft. driveway paving requirement. Robesonia has agreed on the eight month extension.

Supv. Schoener made a motion to grant the eight month extension to pave the driveway for Mr. James Williams, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

FIRE COMPANY REQUEST FOR HELP WITH INSURANCE – Chairman Randler reported that Robesonia Borough is paying for the Workers Compensation Insurance for Pioneer Hose will be asking Heidelberg for help with the payment as the Cancer Presumption Act. will raise the rate considerably.

At this time an Executive Session was called to discuss personnel. – Time 9:10 PM

The meeting was reconvened at 9:20 PM

Supv. Schoener made a motion to name David Randler to the Police Committee to replace Randy Yoh. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously. Voting No – David Randler.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Thumm, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously. Time: 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Randler, Chairman

OCT. 8 – 6 PM -DANDEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING FOLLOWED BY BUDGET MEETING