

April 20, 2023

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30pm both in-person at the Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli PA 18066 and via Zoom. Present were Supervisors Jonathan Jakum, David Fink and Steven Bachman, Road Superintendent Kevin Huber, Zoning Officer Dawn Didra, Township Solicitor Atty. Keith Strohl from Steckel and Stopp Law Offices and Chris Noll from Keystone Consulting Engineers, as Township Engineer. Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer Janice Meyers was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recording of Meeting: Susan Bryant from the Northwestern Press and BRC 13.

Recognition of members of the press: Susan Bryant from the Northwestern Press via Zoom and Blue Ridge Cable Channel 13 reporter.

Public comment on agenda items: None

Approve minutes of the March 16, 2023 regular monthly meeting: Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by David Fink to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

Executive session: None.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the payment of the bills General Fund checks # eft4798 – eft4836 and 24375 – 24425 and State Fund check # 1740. Motion carried.

#### Monthly Reports

Regional EMS Steering Committee Report: Steven Bachman gave his report.

Fire Company: Jay Scheffler, Fire Chief gave his report.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dawn Didra gave her report. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve the creation of a logo and Facebook page for Heidelberg Township Emergency Management. Motion carried.

Ambulance Service: No report.

Veterans Memorial Committee: Steven Bachman gave his report.

Director of Office Operations: Jonathan Jakum gave his report.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Steven Bachman gave his report. Potato barn subdivision and sale was approved. Janice Meyers to schedule closing with Justin Smith. Recreation commission wants to hear from families that use the skate park for input on what they would like to have there.

Director of Public Works: David Fink gave his report. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Steven Bachman to approve purchase of a truck through Municibid to replace the Sterling dump truck for \$49,700 plus buyer fee. Motion carried. Motion by David Fink to approve sale of Sterling truck, snow plow & spreader from new truck. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent: Kevin Huber gave his report.

Township Administrator: No report.

Township Zoning Officer: Dawn Didra gave her report.

Township Engineer: Chris Noll gave his report.

Environmental Advisory Council: No report.

Township Solicitor: Atty. Keith Strohl gave his report.

Subdivision and Land Development: Heidelberg Township – Minor Subdivision - Final. Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by David Fink to approve the plans dated 1/26/23, received 3/27/23 with the change from 40 feet to 50 feet for the eastside lot line from the building. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Status of Buckery Road Bridge Replacement: Chris Noll still looking for more funding.

Driveway ordinance change: Chris to work on getting a sample/draft ordinance together.

Local Taxing options and Land Trusts: tabled.

Advertise road materials bid: tabled.

New Business:

Advertise for zoning office assistant: Motion by David Fink, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to advertise for zoning office assistant. Motion carried.

Resolution #2023-12 Adopt addition to Agricultural Security Area – Paul and Linda Kovalchik, total 312.7492 acres. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by David Fink to adopt resolution 2023-12. Motion carried.

Jones Road: Jones Road is stable. Hunters Hill Road to be paved. Motion by David Fink, seconded by Steven Bachman to advertise for bids once road material totals are received from Road Superintendent. Motion carried. Tentative schedule for next roads to be paved are Mantz, Heil and Jones.

Review draft animal control ordinance: Add “without permission” to draft ordinance.

Approve quote from Ironton Global for VOIP Phone System to replace 20 year old phone system. Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Jakum to approve quote dated 3/31/23 and addendum dated 5/3/23 totaling \$1,953.30 from Ironton Global. David Fink abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Motion by Jonathan Jakum, seconded by Steven Bachman to change the time of the May 18, 2023 meeting to 5pm. Motion carried.

Bruce Zellner thanked the supervisors and road crew for the new speed limit signs.

A resident who wished to remain anonymous complained that vehicles are being parked in the right of way on Trexler Road.

Phyllis Briening reported on the LTTC meeting. They are currently looking for a new solicitor and consultant.

Jay Scheffler asked about brush on the side of Memorial Road near Oriole Road. He also said State Representative Ryan Mackenzie will be at the Fire Company on May 15, 2023.

Correspondence:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Steven Bachman, seconded by David Fink to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed by Dawn Didra,

Janice M. Meyers  
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors