

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD
MARCH 28, 2019**

PRESENT: David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Brian Thumm, David Manbeck, Terry Wolfe, Don Taages, Carol and Robert Keppley, Chief Stone, Solicitor Haws, Keith Dmochowski, Dr. Randall Grove and Cheryl Bowers.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

DR. RANDALL GROVE – Dr. Grove, Conrad Weiser School Superintendent, thanked the Supervisors for the hiring of SRO Officer Stephen Devore. The school district will continue to pay \$32,000.00 toward his annual salary for the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Grove stated the district has received positive comments from the student leaders, parents and Officer Devore has gained the trust of the administrators. Supv. Schoener asked if they have any plans of expanding the SRO program with the help of other municipalities. Dr. Grove replied not at the present time, they will continue with Officer Devore. Chairman Randler asked what the level of funding for next year will be. Dr. Grove said it will be the same. Supv. Thumm asked if there would be a raise in the future like the rest of the Township employees which would be 2-3%. Dr. Grove said he didn't think that would be a problem.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 28, 2019 were circulated. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the February 28, 2019 minutes as circulated, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Carol Keppley circulated the March treasurers report. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the March treasurers report, seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. Supv. Thumm made a motion to pay the bills as presented with the exception of the two checks (\$8,295.12 & \$5,682.18) to the pension fund. The motion was seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously.
PENSION PLAN – Chairman Randler stated the original plans for Mike and Sam were frozen in 2016. At this time this plan is held by Wilmington Trust and will be turned over to Kevin Doyle, our new advisor. Contributions were made in 2017 and now for 2018. The defined police pension plan must be moved from Morgan Stanley. The non-uniformed pension plan for Larry Knoll must have a contribution made for 2016. Chief Stone was not eligible for any plan in 2016 due to his start date. Heidelberg will be eligible for funding this year from the State. Chairman Randler stated the state contribution may be around \$12,000.00 to fund the plan for this year and moving forward the Township should not need to take any money out of the General Fund, however any balance must be returned to the state. We also received an invoice from Conrad Siegel, actuary for the funds for their services (\$1,500 for the Police Pension and \$1,800 for the non- uniform). These amounts will be paid out of the receptive plans. Going forward Conrad Siegel will be the actuary and Kevin Doyle of the IFS Group, LLC is the investment advisor.

Supv. Thumm made a motion to pay the contributions for the Non-Uniformed Employee Defined Contribution Pension Plan - \$8,295.12 – for 2016, 2017 & 2018 and \$5,682.18 for the Police Defined Contribution Pension Plan for the years 2017 & 2018. This money will come out of the General Fund. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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Supv. Wolfe made a motion to execute the paperwork to move the money from M & T (Wilmington Trust) to IFS Group, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Chairman Randler reported there has been more infiltration on Jackie and Lynn Streets in Fry Manor. Captain Clog videoed the lines and found 3 more major areas that have leaks. Discussion on the wording on the latest sewer bill. It should have read – the fees might go up instead of they will go up. Chairman Randler stated we have spent \$100,000.00 to the Robesonia/Wernersville Sewer Authority and approximately \$100,000.00 for lateral repairs

Supv. Wolfe stated he talked to A.H. Moyer and they said they would be interested in the job, however they were never contacted. Supv. Wolfe stated they have the capacity to do the video and are local. Chairman Randler stated he did contact Moyer and will get phone records to prove it. Supv. Wolfe stated there should not be verbal orders on the phone and it might not be legal.

Supv. Schoener stated that the sewer account does have the money and sees no reason why the fees should go up.

Robert Keppley stated that the old Sewer Authority for Heidelberg Township was made up of residents of Fry Manor and they did raise the costs and also always maintained the system

Solicitor Haws stated the Township code states that any contract that exceeds \$11,100 but does not exceed \$20,600 require at least three written or telephone quotes from qualified and responsible contractors. Anything over \$20,600 must be advertised.

Supv. Wolfe asked why Chairman Randler is serving on the Robesonia/Wernersville Municipal Authority Board. Supv. Schoener asked if this is a conflict of interest. Chairman Randler stated that the problems are with the Robesonia Municipal Authority and he has nothing to do with that board – he serves on the Robesonia/Wernersville Municipal Authority and the two boards are separate of each other.

Chairman Randler stated Larry Knoll is checking the flow every day and sends it to him on his phone.

Supv. Schoener stated that any work in the future for non-emergency purposes shall get bids and send out letters for a paper trail.

Chairman Randler stated he is resigning from the sewer committee as of this meeting.

POLICE & FIRE – Chief Stone circulated the March report and April schedule. Chief Stone reported the school has been billed twice for the SRO and remittance for one has been received. Chief Stone stated that Bethany will be housing immigrants by the end of April. The stay, per child, will be approximately 12 days to a maximum of 30 days. Bethany plans to hire 100 employees and this is a 3 year grant. Chairman Randler reported that the Workers Compensation Audit came back and the Supervisors were put in a higher classification making the premium higher.

Supv. Wolfe made a motion to approve the April schedule, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

Received a request from Conrad Weiser School District for Fire Police to assist with the middle school PTO pool party on May 31, 2019 from 7-10pm at the Conrad Weiser Community Pool. Supv. Thumm

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made a motion to request the Fire Police to assist at the pool party on May 31, 2019 from 7-10pm. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – The road report for March was circulated. Supv. Schoener stated that Jen from Technicon was coming in tomorrow at 9:30 AM to go over the roads. Chairman Randler stated he will not be available. Crack sealing will be the end of April and the line painting information must be in by April 1.

RECREATION BOARD/POOL – Supv. Wolfe had nothing. Chairman Randler distributed the financials for the pool. He stated that they will need a pool chemical pump at a cost of \$4,500.00 and will be redoing the basketball court. Bethany donated playground equipment.

Supv. Schoener made a motion to send the Conrad Weiser Community Pool the budgeted donation of \$2,000.00 seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

Chairman Randler stated that Robesonia donated approximately \$10,000 (this includes the summer playground costs), South Heidelberg - \$2,500 and nothing from N. Heidelberg and Wernersville.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – No report.

ENGINEERS REPORT – No report.

PLUMBING & SEO – emailed.

PENSION BOARD (Randler & Stone) – See Payment of Bills. Chairman Randler made a motion to appoint Brian Thumm to serve on the Pension Board since currently there are only 2 people on the Board. Motion seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ZONING ISSUES – Zoning Officer Quinn Haller's report was emailed to all. Quinn issued Chad Numbers the U and O Permit – the cost is \$150.00.

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION – No report.

BERKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COUNCIL- ANIMAL CONTROL SURVEY – Secretary was told to complete the survey.

CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

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NEW BUSINESS

WESTERN BERKS REPUBLICAN PARTY – They submitted a written request to use the meeting room for 6 meetings till November. The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM and will end by 8:30 PM. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to authorize the Western Region of the Berks County Republican Committee permission to use the meeting room on the following dates; April 10, May 8, July 10, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13 at no cost. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously. Supv. Thumm abstained.

JACK FROST PARADE – Request from Trinity Lutheran Church for letter of support for the Jack Frost Parade to be submitted to Penn DOT. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to authorize the Secretary to send a letter of support to Trinity for the Jack Frost Parade, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

WHITE PROPERTY – The Natural Lands Trust is pursuing the purchase of 56 acres of woodlands in Heidelberg Township and South Heidelberg Township. This is the second purchase from the Natural Land Trust. Supv. Wolfe made a motion to authorize a letter of support for the purchase of 56 acres on the White property to the Natural Lands Trust, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

C.W. LIONS CLUB – Received a request for donation for mulch for the Tot Lot in Robesonia. After much discussion Supv. Schoener made a motion to donate \$100 to the Conrad Weiser Lions Club to go for the purchase of mulch at the Tot Lot, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT – Saturday, June 22 from 10-2 at the Lower Heidelberg Township municipal building. We will be billed based on our population.

At this time Chairman Randler called an executive session to discuss possible litigation. – 9:15 PM
The meeting was reconvened at 9:30 PM

POLAK -After much discussion it was decided to not pursue the Polak situation any further.

WORKSHOP MEETINGS – Discussion on workshop meetings. Chairman Randler made a motion to advertise for workshop meetings to be held on the second Thursday of each month starting at 7:30 PM, if needed. Motion seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Thumm, seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously. Time – 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 25, 2019 – 7:30 PM