

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP HELD  
DECEMBER 23, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Thomas Schoener, Brian Thumm, David Manbeck, David Randler, Carol Keppley, Solicitor Haws, Sean McKee, Joseph Berli, Eileen Zerbe, Solicitor Ed Kelly, Deb Schoener, Kevin Snyder, Lori and Charles Brown, Michele Davis, Malcolm and Janell Zwally and Chery Bowers. **ABSENT:** Terry Wolfe

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**MALCOM ZWALLY** – Mr. Zwally is the owner of 260 (old Kerry Kline property) and 264 Tulpehocken Forge Road. He is requesting a permit for a shed and in the future a pool on the property at 260 Tulpehocken Forge Rd. Quinn Haller of Technicon rejected a Zoning Permit for the shed and in a letter dated Dec. 12, 2019 explained the reasons. There currently is no residence on the 260 Tulpehocken Forge Rd or will there ever as the lot is not large enough. After much discussion Solicitor Haws said in his opinion Mr. Zwally has two choices; 1) consolidate the two lots into one. No transfer tax, just the recording fee and 2) ask for a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board, however he would have to prove a hardship. Mr. Zwally said he will pursue the consolidation option.

**BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME** – Mr. Berli and Solicitor Kelly are requesting a resolution to the sewer problems at Bethany. Solicitor Kelly stated that at one time Heidelberg Township was billing Bethany directly. His question; were we banking any maintenance fees for repairs to the line? There are agreements from 1968 and 1994. Carol Keppley stated that Bethany paid us and we paid Womelsdorf – a pass-through and in 1995 John Henning requested \$9,000 (escrow) be returned to Bethany and all future billings will be sent from Womelsdorf Sewer Auth. directly to Bethany.

Solicitor Haws said Heidelberg Township can provide access to all Bethany records to determine the history or to convey the line back to Bethany and have them maintain. Solicitor Kelly stated that Bethany has no interest in taking over the line.

Chairman Randler said the infiltration is on the south side under the railroad tracks and suggested that Bethany go back to Womelsdorf to get credit.

After much discussion Chairman Randler said Bethany should schedule the repairs and Heidelberg should contact Womelsdorf to look at the meter with Heidelberg (Fred Ebert) there and possibly recalibrate the meter. Also, Chairman Randler said to find a resolution to the problem; Womelsdorf, Heidelberg and Bethany should sit down all together after the work is completed and the bill comes in.

**LORI BROWN** – Mrs. Brown asked why Chairman Randler does not have his permit posted at the property on West Penn Ave. (old Haley residence). Chairman Randler stated the permit is at his office. Mrs. Brown said that it should be posted at the property and why isn't it and the Building Inspector should be aware of this. Again, Chairman Randler stated the permit is at his office and she can come to his office to see it.

**SEAN MCKEE** – South Heidelberg Township, Sean McKee stated police service was started in Wernersville and Robesonia. He stated that Chief Stone handled the transition very professionally. Written updates will be provided.

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**MICHELE DAVIES** – Mrs. Davies inquired about vacation checks on her residence. Sean McKee stated that South Heidelberg Township Police will do the check and a flier will be going out and explaining everything. Mr. McKee will drop off magnets off at the Township office for residents to pick up.

**MINUTES** - The minutes of the November 25, 2019 were circulated. Chairman Randler made a motion to approve the November 25, 2019 as circulated, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

**WORKSHOP MINUTES** – There was no workshop meeting in December

**TREASURERS REPORT – Treasurer** Carol Keppley circulated the December treasurers report. Chairman Randler questioned the Treasurers Bond and recommended holding it till the reorganization meeting. Supv. Schoener made a motion to approve the December treasurer report, with the exception of paying the Treasurer Bond as recommended by the Chairman. Motion seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Treasurer Carol Keppley presented the bills for payment. Supv. Schoener made a motion pay the bills as presented, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

**2020 BUDGET** – Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget, seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – Chairman Randler reported he met with Tom Ebert and he is working on the sewer formula and will meet again with him in January. Chairman Randler recommended to replace the panel and attach the new one to a pole.

**POLICE & FIRE** - Supv. Thumm made a motion to execute the Amendment and Assignment of the School Resource Officer – MOU, seconded by Supv. Manbeck. Voting in favor; Supv. Manbeck, Supv. Thumm and Chairman Randler. Voting no; Supv. Schoener. Motion carried.

After reading the Police report, Chairman Randler wanted it clarified in the minutes that Chief Stone's position will be eliminated on 12/31/19 at midnight.

Supv. Schoener asked who determines the value of the police equipment. Chairman Randler stated the computer will be sold and the County has a say on the radios. Sean McKee said South Heidelberg will give guidance on the disposition of the police property.

Mrs. Zerbe asked who will receive any fine money. Sean McKee stated it comes back to Heidelberg Twp.

**POLICE PENSION & LARRY KNOLL'S PENSION** – Chairman Randler stated our contribution to the pension plans will be 8% of Chief Stone's salary and 8% of Larry Knoll's salary. Chairman Randler will verify that with John Vargo.

Sean McKee stated that South Heidelberg Township will be applying for a grant from DCED. Solicitor Haws will send a letter in support. Solicitor Haws will have an Intermunicipal Services resolution at the next meeting to be executed.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

PLANNING COMMISSION – No meeting in December.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – Report circulated. Supv. Schoener reported the chain saw purchased.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – The Ed/Carl Horst hearing was December 18.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT – Report emailed.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Did not receive a report.

PLUMBING & SEO – Report emailed.

PENSION BOARD – (Randler)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

MICHAEL JACKSON – Quinn's report was emailed.

TELCO – Chairman Randler reported he ordered the new box for Freeman St. and Rt. 422. Supv. Schoener said Big Spring Road traffic signal doesn't work right, does not give access to emergency vehicles.

Chairman Randler released the money for two Telco bills in the amounts of \$253.13 and \$3,437.65; however Chairman Randler instructed the Treasurer to hold the latest insurance check in the amount of \$4,633.83.

YARD WASTE GRANT – Received notification from DEP that we received the grant. Per Jane Meeks, we will need to match the grant in the amount of approximately \$160,000 – depending on the cost of the truck and loader.

JACK KEENER – After receiving an email from Technicon regarding 10 addition units he is planning on building, all agreed to rescind the letter that was mailed to Robesonia which we agreed to waive the review process. Supv. Schoener made a motion to send Robesonia a letter rescinding the first letter and reserve the right for Jen VanDyke of Technicon to review the plans of the Jack Keener Subdivision. Motion seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

See attached.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**GFL (Trash co.)** – They want to know what to do with the customers that don't pay. After discussion, the Supervisors decided that GFL should send the accounts to the collection agency,

**TAX LEVY – RESOLUTION #5-2019** – Millage of 1.5 mills for 2020 and Light Tax for 2020 as follows; Brossman Heights - \$100 per residence, Fry Manor - \$30 per residence and Chapel Ridge - \$28 per residence. Supv. Schoener made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION #5-2019** as above, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously.

**PER CAPITA, REAL ESTATE TRANSFER AND EIT & LST** – Set the following for 2020; Per Capita- \$15 (our share is \$5), Real Estate Transfer and EIT – both ½ of 1% and LST - \$52. Supv. Schoener made a motion to set the above for 2020, seconded by Supv. Thumm. Voting in favor; Supv. Thumm, Supv. Schoener, Chairman Randler. Voting no; Supv. Manbeck. Motion carried.

**MEETING DATES FOR 2020** – Jan. 30, Feb. 27, Mar. 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 23 and Dec. 23 – NOTE: Nov. & Dec. dates are changed due to holidays. Supv. Schoener made a motion to set the meeting dates as above, seconded by Chairman Randler and passed unanimously.

**GRASS CLIPPINGS ORDINANCE** – Tabled.

**INSURANCE RENEWAL** – Chairman Randler reported we will see a reduction in the 2020 premium due to the loss of the police department.

At this time 9:30 PM, Chairman Randler called an executive session to discuss personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary