

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY HELD AUGUST 29, 2019

PRESENT: David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Terry Wolfe, David Manbeck, Brian Thumm, Carol and Bob Keppley, EmmaRose Boyle, Randy Gartner, David Kostival, Mark Wagner, Brenda Wagner, Logan Sensenig, Michele Davis, Dean Sensenig, Kevin Snyder, Sean McKee, Jim Dotzenroth, Leon Grim, John T. Adams, Craig Lutz and Cheryl Bowers.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

LOGAN SENSENIG – Mr. Sensenig purchased the George Merkel property on Matthews Drive. Mr. Sensenig presented a description of the property and a sketch plan that was prepared 10/29/92, however it was never reviewed by the Township or recorded. After some discussion, Mr. Sensenig was told he must go through an annexation process to correct the problem.

At this time Chairman Randler read a statement pertaining to joining South Heidelberg Township Police. A copy of the statement is attached.

Supv. Wolfe asked Chairman Randler why the Heidelberg Township Police Committee wasn't notified of the proposal and asked if he was acting on his own. Chairman Randler stated he knew that Wernersville and Robesonia are going with South Heidelberg and thought it was an important topic, we can get better coverage. Supv. Wolfe asked if the SRO would be staying.

Chairman Randler stated that the Mom & Pop police forces are a thing of the past and the proposal from South Heidelberg would include 40 hours of coverage each week with 24/7 emergency coverage. This would be a win for residents of Heidelberg Township since we currently have to depend on State Police coverage when our officers are not on duty.

Supv. Schoener said he only found out of the proposal at 12:18 PM today and it would have been nice to have been prepared.

SEAN MCKEE

JOHN ADAMS, DA –Sean McKee, South Heidelberg Township Manager introduced DA John Adams. Mr. Adams stated he is in support of regional police. There are 37 police departments in the County and he has supported regionalization for years. He stated he is looking for efficiency in police departments. This means that someone is on patrol 24/7 and that's not possible in Heidelberg Township. Chief Stone can't do it by himself – he needs back-up. Also, the Conrad Weiser School and Bethany Children's home are in Heidelberg Township and they aren't going anywhere. This proposal would be a benefit to the County and the residents of Heidelberg Township.

Supv. Wolfe asked about the cost. A proposal was circulated by Sean McKee.

Randy Gartner, Mayor of Robesonia said going with S. Heidelberg will save Robesonia \$70,000 the first year. The police get to know the people and businesses and they want to know what the municipalities want. Sean McKee said communication is important and there is value in regional services – officer safety with a full department to back each other up. This is a service South Heidelberg Township would provide. They have a commitment to service – Heidelberg is the customer. They modeled it after Northern York Regional and Chief Benzel of Northern York would be happy to sit down with Heidelberg

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to discuss anything. Chief Benzel has been a resource for Chief Grimm (South Heidelberg police chief). Sean also stated there is value in having the ability to have a full department for all the municipalities. They are offering the same proposal they gave to Wernersville and Robesonia. The geographical area is a win for all.

Supv. Schoener said we are now getting 96 hours of coverage. Chairman Randler said if we go with South Heidelberg Township we will be getting 40 hours of "boots on the ground".

Supv. Thumm asked if there is any state funding. Chief Grimm said contracting services does not qualify, however with Chief Stone coming on board it might help qualify for a grant.

Discussion on the SRO. They currently have 2 officers scheduled for training and by the end of September will be qualified. Supv. Wolfe said "so you will be getting rid of the current SRO"? Chairman Randler said that he was against the way the SRO program was put together last year.

Supv. Wolfe asked what the hurry is, the community doesn't know anything about this proposal, and why is everything being kept secret.

Chairman Randler made a motion to proceed with the proposal from South Heidelberg Township to contract services for police coverage. The motion died for lack of a second motion.

Kevin Snyder asked if it would take an Ordinance to disband the Heidelberg Police Department.

After much discussion, Supv. Schoener made a motion to table the proposal till the September 26th regular scheduled Supervisors meeting. Motion seconded by Supv. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting were circulated. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the July 25, 2019 minutes as circulated, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Chairman Randler reported Ditchcreek has not called back regarding the control panel and videoing lines on Jackie & Lynn. Discussion on Harold Mogel. Supv. Thumm stated the Board should vote on issues like this. Chairman Randler asked how we got to the balance of \$3,000.00 when it should have been an issue when he owed \$500.00. Carol stated there is already a lien on Mr. Mogel's property. After more discussion it was decided that Carol should send the letter to Mr. Mogel for his signature and he will agree to pay \$100 each month or more.

Courtney Keller at 105 N. Freeman St. – she is having back-up problems and her plumber can't find laterals, nor could Larry Knoll. Chairman Randler stated that we might need to contact Ditchcreek to come in and video the lines.

Resident of Jackie Ave. inquired about fixing the curbs and cold patching the sinking macadam.

POLICE & FIRE - The police report and September schedule were circulated. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the September schedule, seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

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POLICE & FIRE CONTINUED - Received a letter requesting Fire Police for the Conrad Weiser Craft Show on November 9, from 9 to 3. Supv. Manbeck made a motion to approve the request for Fire Police for the November 9th Craft Show, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

ROADS, BLDG. & EQUIP. – The street sweeping has been completed. Received three bids for backhoe tires. After review, Supv. Thumm made a motion to approve the quote from Keppley Tires for \$1,685.40. Motion seconded by Supv. Schoener and passed unanimously.

RECREATION BOARD – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT - J. Hassler (replace concrete, etc.) C. Esterly (generator)

ENGINEERS REPORT – Circulated

PLUMBING & SEO – Circulated

PENSION BOARD – Chairman Randler reported that Chief Stone has a balance of \$9,500.00 and Chubb is \$8,900.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ZONING ISSUES – Quinn and Chief Stone went to Michael Jackson's property and they reported he is continuing to clean up the property. Kissling – nothing

FEE SCHEDULE – Supv. Thumm made a motion to appoint Technicon as the Building Inspector since Jerry Farro resigned due to health issues. Motion seconded by Chairman Randler.

CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

NEW BUSINESS

TELCO – Chairman Randler reported he is working with Telco to have both the signals in complete working order. The box at Ozgoods was struck by lightning and also possibly damaged by a truck. The problem at the Big Spring signal was found on a service call. Chairman Randler said the box at Osgood's was repaired by Telco, however it still isn't right. Chairman Randler will be in touch with Telco to work out all the problems with the signals.

DONATION TO THE ROBESONIA FIRE CO. – Supv. Schoener made a motion to donate \$250 to the Pioneer Hose Co. in memory of Gerry Ochs, seconded by Supv. Thumm and passed unanimously.

CHICKENS – After discussion on the Zoning Regulation where it is not clear about how much land you need to have chickens it was decided to go with the 1 acre minimum lot size.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

BERKS COUNTY ASSOC. OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS CONVENTION - This will be held at the Oley Fair Centre on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 5 pm – 9:30 pm.....if anyone is interested, let the Secretary know.

There will not be a workshop meeting in September.

NEW PROJECTS

Ed Horst – hog operation

Santander Bank – Jonestown Bank will be presenting a land development plan.

Since there is no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supv. Thumm, seconded by Supv. Manbeck and passed unanimously. Time: 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl L. Bowers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cheryl L. Bowers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 – 7:30 PM