

MINUTES - HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING

February 28, 2024

PRESENT: David Randler, Lori Brown, Thomas Schoener, Eric Goudy, Nicole Werner, Kevin Snyder, Solicitor Andrew George, Chief Matthew Hook, Ken & Geneva Berger, Randy & Kathy Yarnall, Brian Thumm, Travis Getz (Reading Bakery Systems), Jen McConnell (TEI), Brian Focht (C2C Engineering)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randler at 7:30pm

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Geneva Berger – Asked if the Township will be sweeping the streets. Chairman Randler said potentially. In addition, Mrs. Berger wanted to share that our plow truck drivers did a wonderful job this winter.

Ken Berger – No comment

Kathy Yarnall – Speeding continues on Ryeland Rd

Randy Yarnall – Made a correction to his statement in the January 31st meeting minutes regarding the location of work at the Superfund Site. Stated a car which was parked at the old Bruce Werner property was towed across the street. Secretary Werner to follow up with new property owner.

Brian Thumm – Discussed ATV's driving illegally on the roadway and his displeasure of how the incident had been handled by the police department.

MINUTES: January 31, 2024 **MOTION** made by Sup Schoener, **SECOND** Sup Brown. **PASSED** unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: **MOTION** made to approve the February, 2024 treasurers report by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: **MOTION** made by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** Sup Brown. **PASSED** unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Report - Report provided by Chief Hook. Total of 57 calls for Heidelberg Township, 4 citations, no criminal arrests. Several motor vehicle crashes. Five new AD's were purchased with a grant. Citizen's Police Academy teaming up with Sinking Spring (March 27 – April 24), 25 seats available (residents only).

Sewer – Received AH Moyer quote of \$80,817 to repair Fry Manor sewer line. Chairman Randler would like to explore other options. There are leaks at 2 manholes (8'-10' length of pipe and encased in concrete).

Planning Commission – Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00pm to discuss Murdough Annexation plan.

Committee Reports continued . . .

Roads, Building & Equipment –

- Roadwork Bid Package for Big Spring Rd and Chapel Ridge Estates is currently being worked on by Jen McConnell at TEI. Big Spring Rd will be the main bid with Chapel Ridge to be an option. Chairman Randler would also like to get a separate Bid Package together for the township office/garage parking lot. Slated time for bid opening is April, 2024.
- Water Street Bridge: Sup Snyder would like to see the Water Street Bridge repaired. Township to contact Rodney Deiffenbach for quote.
- Heidelberg Rd Bridge: Jen McConnell at TEI to inspect area to see if a temporary turnaround is possible.

Personnel – No Report

Recreation Board/Pool – Pool membership is open. Slight price increase.

Zoning Hearing Board – no report

Joint Zoning Board – Meeting scheduled for April 18th, 2024 at 7pm. Discussion points: Keeping of Pets Ordinance, VRBO/AirBnB restrictions and rewrite Joint PC Book.

Engineers Report – Report provided by TEI.

SEO Report - Report Provided by TEI

Zoning Report - Report Provided by TEI

Communications - No Report

Solicitor's Report – Report provided by Solicitor George.

CORRESPONDENCE: Western Berks Ambulance Report, GFL Monthly Recycling Report, ARRO Water Services Monthly Report, Berks EIT Newsletter

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reading Bakery Systems, proposed waivers be granted from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Section 402.G, Section 516.B.2, Section 504.B and Section 515.E. proposed waivers be granted from the Stormwater Ordinance for Section 302.SA.

MOTION made to grant waivers for Reading Bakery Systems from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Section 402.G, Section 516.B.2, Section 504.B and Section 515.E. proposed waivers be granted from the Stormwater Ordinance for Section 302.SA by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

New Business continued . . .

MOTION made to grant conditional FINAL plan approval for reading Bakery Systems per the Technicon Enterprises, Inc. letter dated February 16, 2024 by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Goudy. **PASSED** unanimously.

- 221 Bunker Hill Rd: Property owner was in the process of building an addition onto existing dwelling and realized taxes have been collected by Womelsdorf Borough, the dwelling sits in Heidelberg Township. Womelsdorf Borough has agreed to correct and forwarded a letter to the County correcting such. Solicitor George to forward letter on behalf of Heidelberg Township.

MOTION to allow Solicitor Andrew George to forward letter on behalf of Heidelberg Township stating the Township agrees with Womelsdorf Borough regarding the tax claim for the property located at 221 Bunker Hill Road, Womelsdorf by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

- GFL/Casella Contract Extension: The Township trash contract expires the end of March, 2024. The Township has the right to extend the contract for an additional 3 years with a 72 cent increase.

MOTION to sign the GFL/Casella contract extension by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Brown. **PASSED** unanimously.

- Public Works Radio Agreement: Triangle Communications quote for 8 existing radio, 1 new for \$135/month. Sup Schoener will discuss with Larry Knoll how many radios need to be used.

MOTION to sign agreement with Triangle Communications not to exceed \$135 per month Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. **PASSED** unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: back on record at 9:06pm

MOTION to transfer \$50,000 of budgeted funds to the Conrad Weiser Community Pool for upgrade of a splash pad by Sup Goudy, **SECOND** by Sup Brown. Chairman Randler and Sup Snyder abstained.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup. Brown, **PASSED** unanimously at 9:11pm.

**Next meeting will be held on March 27, 2024 at 7:30pm,
Reorganization Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Werner, Township Secretary