MINUTES - HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
November 22, 2021

PRESENT: David Randler, Thomas Schoener, Terrence Wolfe, Kevin Snyder, John Muir, Esq., Chief Leon Grim, Nicole Werner, Lori Brown, Geneva Berger, Bailey Thumm, Janet Thumm, Bob Martin with Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Co., Eileen Zerbe, Garry Zerbe

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Janet Thumm: Wanted to formally introduce herself as the newly elected tax collector for Heidelberg Township. Mrs. Thumm formally requested space for sitting hours for tax collection. Ms. Thumm has reached out to Carol Keppley, however due to illness has not been able to connect. Mrs. Thumm has spoken with JBT Bank in Robesonia, the bank will not allow an account be setup until she is formally sworn in. Sitting Hours were verified with the board. The hours for calendar year 2022 are as follows:

April 18th, 22nd, 30th – 10am to 2pm
April 19th, April 25th – 5pm to 8pm

Bob Martin: Inquiring about the proposed false alarm ordinance. He would like to see it mimic the state, a copy of the proposed changes were given to the BOS. The fire department would restitution along with the fine. Chief Grim stated "this isn't necessarily a way to collect fines but a way to change behavior."

Garry & Eileen Zerbe: No comment

Geneva Berger: Stated residents are not aware of the leaf collection program. Sup Snyder said the program is slowly being rolled out as it is new. Secretary Werner mentioned she requested a robo call be made to residents through the Borough of Robesonia, she also posted on social media and has no other way to connect with residents. Ms. Berger stated a neighbor recently built a fire to burn leaves and construction debris, she did contact the police department. Chairman Randler said leaf collection is a new program that we didn't have before and the residents should be grateful. Ms. Berger is also concerned a second goat has been purchased at the property located at 351 Fry Avenue. She also stated there is talk an individual is living in a vehicle on the property.

Lori Brown: No comment

MINUTES: October 27, 2021 minutes were circulated. **MOTION** by Sup Schoener**, SECOND** by Sup Snyder**,** passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: A **MOTION** was made by Sup Snyder to approve the treasurer's report for the month of October, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener, passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A **MOTION** was made by Sup Schoener, **SECOND** by Sup Snyder, passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police & Fire – Report was provided by Chief Grim. There was a total of 78 calls to Bethany Children's Home, when the fire department gets dispatched, the police department does as well. On November 3rd in South Heidelberg Township, SHPD received a call regarding a missing person who was out archery hunting. The hunter was found at 11:30pm, Seems as though he shot a deer and while dragging the deer had a massive heart attack.

Sewer – Met at Bethany Children's Home for a flow assessment. Waiting for report. Rates went up at the sewer plant, township did not increase rates.

Planning Commission: No report

Roads, Bldg. & Equip. – Larry Knoll and Chairman Randler went to see the new truck at EM Kutz. Hoping it will be received in January. Garry Zerbe state snow plows will be installed on the trucks tomorrow (November 23rd).

Personnel – No report

Recreation Board/Pool – Sup Wolfe has been in touch with Laura Klitsch about setting up a fun run in Heidelberg Township. Sup Wolfe would like to host movies at the township.

Zoning Hearing Board – No report

Zoning & SEO Report: Report provided to Supervisors from Technicon Enterprises, Inc.

Building Inspectors Report – Report provided to Supervisors from Technicon Enterprises, Inc.

Engineers Report – Report provided to Board of Supervisors from Technicon Enterprises, Inc.

Solicitor's Report – Report provided by John Muir, Esq. was representing Andrew George, Esq.

CORRESPNDENCE:
Western Berks Ambulance October report, Select Environmental Solutions Monthly Operations & Maintenance report, GFL Environmental Monthly Recycling Report, Thank you card from Andrew George, Thank you card from Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Company

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Police Contract: John Muir requested a revised agreement be sent to Chairman Randler for signatures.

Lower Heidelberg Bridge: An email received by Lower Heidelberg Township. Said email attachment was a Notification of Critical and High Priority Deficiencies and repair of barrel arch. In past meeting with Lower Heidelberg, the discussion was to remove the bridge because repairs could not be made. However, the letter attached to said email state repairs can be made. Sup Snyder recommended we send a letter to Lower

Heidelberg asking what intentions are after the letter and inspection has been received. Secretary Werner to send a letter to Lower Heidelberg.

2022 Proposed Budget: 2022 Budget is available for inspection

> **MOTION** to have budget available for inspection was made by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. Passed unanimously.

Joint PC Meeting: To be held November 30th at 7pm at the Borough of Robesonia

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>
Notification System to Residents: Secretary Werner received the following quotes: GoGov at $2,000 and Rave Mobile at $3,000, both capable of providing what the township needs. Secretary Werner had spoken with Lisa Heilman at the Robesonia Borough about piggy backing with their program and splitting the yearly fee as neither borough/township would use the limit of allotted messages per year. If approved, a post card could be sent to Heidelberg Township residents. Sup Wolfe would like to see the township utilizing their own system, Sup Snyder suggested we try Secretary Werner's option for a year.

> **MOTION** was made to reimburse 50% of Swift 911 invoice to the Borough of Robesonia for the joint usage of the program by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener, passed unanimously.

Technicon Enterprises, Inc. 2022 fee schedule:

> **MOTION** made to approve the Technicon Enterprises, Inc. 2022 fee schedule by Chairman Randler, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener, passed unanimously.

Joint Municipal Authority: requested a portion of the 2021 ARPA monies be gifted to the Joint Municipal Authority. If denied, municipal authority must ask the County for fund.

> **MOTION** to deny funding request from the Joint Municipal Authority made by Sup Schoener, **SECOND** by Sup Snyder. Passed with 3 votes. Chairman Randler abstained from the vote.

Joint Municipal Letter: letter was received with new rate of $6.60 per thousand gallons. Effective 1/1/2022. This will eliminate the need for capital improvement call. Fred Ebert will be conducting study.

Robesonia Wernersville Municipal Authority: Release and Agreement letter.

> **MOTION** was made to execute Release and Agreement with Robesonia Wernersville Municipal Authority by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. Passed with 3 votes. Chairman Randler abstained from the vote.

Pennsy Invoice for Fry Manor:: Jen Van Dyke, TEI, recommended the township withhold $11,972.16 due to base bid. In addition, withhold $5,823.20 from the parking lot due to addition of swale and withhold $13,975.16 due to Fry Manor overlay.

MOTION was made to pay invoice from Pennsy Supply the amount of $338,078.13
by Sup Snyder, **SECOND** by Sup Schoener. Passed unanimously.

Pennsy invoice for footbridge path was $1,781.47. The truck was to be at location to do work, however work was rained out. Truck still arrived on site. Technicon Enterprises, Inc. suggested the township pay half of the invoice. Per Chairman Randler, agreement on site was to pay for blacktop only. Table to next month after discussion with TEI.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Sup Snyder at 9:10pm. **SECOND** by Sup Schoener, passed unanimously.

**Next meeting will be held on Monday, December 29, 2021 at 7:30pm,
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Werner, Township Secretary