

MINUTES - HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING – June 25, 2020

PRESENT: David Randler, Kevin Snyder, Terry Wolfe, Tom Schoener, David Manbeck, Solicitor Haws, Suzan Oxenreider, Chief Grim, Raymond & Lori Latshaw.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randler at 7:32pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Raymond and Lori Latshaw presented their request that the driveway permit denial for their residence be rescinded. Mrs. Latshaw pointed out that several houses in their neighborhood were not within code requirements. Attorney Hawes suggested that the Board of Supervisors can choose to accept the request as it is a township ordinance. Supervisor Wolfe motioned that someone from the Board go out to take a look, report back to the Board and approve the request based on that review. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Snyder and approved unanimously. Supervisor Snyder said he would look at the property.

Steve Elmarzouky from the Heidelberg Restaurant came before the board with a proposal to perhaps create a drive in movie theater on the restaurant property. The property is 8.35 acres and could accommodate 50 to 75 cars with distancing. Chairman Randler had contacted Technicon and Jennifer VanDyke indicated there was no ordinance that would deny the addition as the property is already commercial. A Use and Occupancy Permit would need to be approved. Mr. Elmarzouky indicated that he would need to do further research to determine if it was financially viable but wanted direction from the Board. Supervisor Snyder asked about the length of time the theater might be in operation and Mr. Elmarzouky said he thought through the end of September and maybe into October. A motion from Supervisor Snyder was made in support of the idea and was seconded by Supervisor Wolfe. The motion was approved unanimously.

MINUTES: May 28th, 2020 minutes were circulated and four corrections were made to the wording in the minutes concerning a possible lawsuit initiation by Supervisor Randler as well as corrections to Solicitor Haws name and removing the association of the township with the pool property. **MOTION** by Sup Wolfe, **SECOND** by Sup Snyder to approve the minutes as corrected. Passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: The report was circulated. **MOTION to accept** by Sup Wolfe, **SECOND** by Sup Snyder. Passed Unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The bills were presented for payment. There was discussion of the invoice from Technicon and concerns that the bill was too high for the services expected to be rendered. It was suggested by Sup Snyder that some portion of the monies be returned to Conrad Weiser School District by Technicon. Sup Randler voiced concerns that the fees are too high but those fees had been approved by the Board. Solicitor Hawes questioned whether Technicon would change their fee schedule. Sup Snyder suggested talking to TEI regarding the fee schedule. Solicitor Haws mentioned the possibility of a quote from another engineering firm. Supervisor Snyder volunteered to join Chairman Randler and meet with Technicon to discuss the fee structure. Chairman Randler will set up the meeting. **MOTION** by Sup Manbeck to approve payment of bills with the exception of the Technicon invoice. **SECOND** by Sup Wolfe. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer –

Police & Fire – Chief Grim circulated the police report. He thanked Board Supervisors Snyder and Randler for providing food and drink to the police officers during the small protest march. Chief Grim noted that domestic violence has been on the rise since March and the premise that the rise is in correlation with the stay at home orders based on COVID 19 restrictions. An inquiry was made regarding fireworks and Chief Grim stated that fireworks cannot be used within 150 feet of any residence.

There was a discussion regarding several locations in the township that need cleanup based on ordinances. Locations discussed were the former Lengel gas station location, the Harold Mogel property in Fry Manor and Michael Jackson's property on Hill Road. Chief Grim offered to send a police officer by the Mogel property if that would be of assistance.

Supervisor Snyder submitted the bid information for the sale of the police vehicles. Motion to accept the bid was made by Supervisor Wolfe and seconded by Supervisor Snyder. Supervisor Snyder was approved to act on the behalf of the township to transfer the vehicle titles.

Planning Commission – No meeting in May. Meeting to discuss the Horst Hog Finishing Barn is scheduled for July 1st.

Roads, Bldg. & Equip. – Reviewed proposal for curb repair by Lord Moyer.

Personnel – A photo of Suzan and information regarding her position with the township will be put on the township Facebook page.

Recreation Board/Pool – Supervisor Snyder requested that funds from the playground donation be given to the "Pool Camp" at the Robesonia Pool facility. Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schoener and seconded by Supervisor Wolfe.

Chairman Randler noted that the Robesonia Pool is doing an excellent job in following the suggested practices for social distancing and sanitizing of the facilities to the point that personnel from other pools were coming by to see how the Robesonia Pool was implementing those practices. Chairman Randler also informed the Board that the playground equipment in front of the township office was open to the public again. He suggested getting cleaning spray for the equipment from Fire & Water.

Zoning Hearing Board – No report.

Building Inspectors Report – emailed

Engineers Report – emailed

Plumbing & SEO – No report.

Communication – Supervisor Snyder discussed the purchasing of the new computer for the township secretary’s office. Supervisor Snyder had pricing information from a local supplier but is contacting Dell regarding a government contracted price. Supervisor Schoener made the motion to allow Supervisor Snyder to move ahead with the purchase and was seconded by Supervisor Wolfe. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Randler is continuing to work on specs for the new truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Center for Excellence in Local Government regarding restaurants re-opening to outside seating, notice from PPL regarding the rebuild of a 69 Kilovolt transmission line in the area, Western Berks Ambulance Report, letter from Comcast extending 60 days of free internet service to assist households needing internet during COVID-19 pandemic, GFL Recycling Report for May and email from PSATS regarding COVID-19 funding available to townships were provided with agenda information. Chairman Randler supplied email correspondence with Jennifer VanDyke and Quinn Haller from Technicon.

NEW BUSINESS –

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Sup Snyder at 9:08. Seconded by Sup Wolfe. Passed Unanimously.