

February 25, 2010

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30pm at the Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli PA 18066. Present were Supervisors Steve Bachman, Forrest Wessner III, Secretary-Treasurer Janice Bortz and Road Superintendent Kevin Huber. Supervisor David Fink, Township Administrator Dan Stonehouse, Township Engineer Roy Stewart and Township Solicitor Charles Waters were absent due to weather conditions.

Motion by Forest Wessner III, seconded by Steve Bachman to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 regular meeting and table the February 4, 2010 special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: Resident Teena Bailey will be tape recording the meeting.

No executive session was held.

Motion by Forrest Wessner III, seconded by Steve Bachman to approve the payment of the bills General Fund Disbursements Checks # eft315-eft350, 16720-16785 and no State Fund Checks. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Checking 1/1	76,928.40
Revenue	.00
Expenditures	(132,751.97)
Transfers	<u>76,854.50</u>
General Fund Checking 1/29	21,030.93
 General Fund Money Market 1/1	 4,228.47
Revenue	95,900.97
Expenditures	.00
Transfers	<u>(75,928.75)</u>
General Fund Money Market 1/29	24,200.69
 State Fund Checking 1/1	 2.00
Revenue	.00
Expenditures	(0.00)
Transfers	<u>0.00</u>
State Fund Checking 1/29	2.00
 State Fund Money Market 1/1	 376.98
Revenue	.22
Expenditures	.00
Transfers	<u>(0.00)</u>
State Fund Money Market 1/29	377.20
 Special Revenue Fund Savings 1/1	 34,220.04
Revenue	20.40
Expenditures	0.00
Transfers	<u>(0.00)</u>
Special Revenue Fund Savings 1/29	34,240.44

Recreation Fund Savings 1/1	6,393.81
Revenue	3.81
Expenditures	(0.00)
Transfers	<u>0.00</u>
Recreation Fund Savings 1/29	6,397.62
Hunters Hill Road Bridge Fund 1/1	80,533.57
Revenue	88.99
Expenditures	(0.00)
Transfers	<u>(0.00)</u>
Hunters Hill Road Bridge Fund 1/29	80,622.56

Steve Bachman, Director of Office Operations, said the last meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm and he apologized for the confusion with the rescheduled meeting date in the local section of the newspaper and on the website. The legal advertisement in the newspaper stated the correct date. Mr. Bachman thanked Air Products for the \$250 donation toward the cost of the EAC riparian buffer sign. Janice Bortz will send a letter of thanks from the Board.

Forrest Wessner III, Director of Parks and Recreation, suggested that in the initial advertisement of meetings made at the beginning of the year, it should state that if a meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather the rescheduled meeting will be the next Thursday. He said the Northwestern Recreation Commission at their January meeting decided to do a walk around the park in March to review what maintenance needs to be done to the ball fields, etc.

David Fink, Director of Public Works, was absent and no report was given.

Kevin Huber, Road Superintendent, said that when not snow plowing the road crew is trimming trees and laid the cross pipes on Hunters Hill Road.

Daniel Stonehouse, Administrator/Zoning Officer, was absent but Steve Bachman reviewed his written report. Mr. Bachman said Mr. Stonehouse attended the APMW Winter Conference. Mr. Stonehouse suggested the Board send letters to Representative Day and Senator Argall regarding reinstating the recycling tipping fee and the Recycling Performance Grants. The Board members present agreed to send letters. Mr. Stonehouse also stated in his report that Atty. Waters has finished with all but one of the easements for Hunters Hill Bridge. The completed ones are being forwarded to Roy Stewart for review. One easement concerns an estate and Atty. Stopp is still working on that paperwork.

Roy Stewart, Township Engineer, was absent but had telephoned earlier and had nothing new to report.

Motion by Forrest Wessner III, seconded by Steve Bachman to advertise for Requests for Qualifications concerning the required bridge inspector during the construction phase of the Hunters Hill Bridge project. Motion carried. Janice Bortz explained that Dan Stonehouse is working with PennDOT on the wording for the advertisement and for the request.

The Board discussed the Handwerk property and the liability and cost issues pertaining to creating a park on the property. Resident John Zellner said the cost of a survey of the land should be considered. Steve Bachman and Forrest Wessner III agreed it would be best to hold off on any acceptance of the property at this time due to the economic climate but tabled the final decision until the next meeting.

Motion by Forrest Wessner III, seconded by Steve Bachman to authorize Kevin Huber to contract with CoStars and bid for the purchase of road salt. Motion carried.

As delegate to the Lehigh Tax Collection Committee, Janice Bortz updated the Board regarding the LTCC's work with Act 32. The Board agreed that they would like the opinion of the Northwestern Lehigh School District and Lynn, Lowhill and Weisenberg Townships before deciding whether to continue using the Heidelberg/Lynn Earned Income Tax Office for 2011 or to switch to the newly appointed LTCC collector for 2011. The Board also wants a cost comparison of the two options to see if there are less costs with either option. They agreed that it would be in the best interest of all if the NWLSD and the 4 townships either use the current EIT collector or all switch to the newly appointed collector.

Resident Carl Breininger asked why the positions for the Northern Lehigh Planning Committee were not advertised. He said that there may be township residents who are qualified that are interested in the positions. The Board said they feel the planning commission members are the best suited. The Board said that if no one from the planning commission volunteered then they would have asked for other volunteers. Motion by Steve Bachman, seconded by Forrest Wessner III to adopt Resolution #2010-13 - Appointing Teena Bailey as primary and Douglas Teitze as alternate members of the Northern Lehigh Planning Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Forrest Wessner III, seconded by Steve Bachman to authorize advertising for the following public hearings on April 8, 2010: hearing to receive comments about the proposed changes to the subdivision / land development ordinance at 6:30pm, hearing to receive comments about the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance at 6:45pm and hearing to receive comments about the proposed codification of ordinances at 7:00pm. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to table discussion about the supervisors 2010 meeting pay until next meeting.

Steve Bachman announced that at the request of Matt Nemeth our emergency management coordinator the Board of Supervisors had declared a state of emergency on February 10th due to the snow storm.

Public Comment: Resident Charlie Perich asked if the executive session held on February 2nd was legal since it was not held during a public meeting. Steve Bachman said that it was legal and that executive sessions could be held at anytime for certain reasons as long as they are announced to the public at the next public meeting. Resident Carl Breininger asked what had been decided about the political signs. Forrest Wessner III said there had been some confusion on with the wording in the zoning ordinance. The Board agreed to keep the ordinance the same as discussed at the February 4th meeting.

Motion by Forrest Wessner III, seconded by Steve Bachman to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Bortz
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors