

1. Call to Order

The January Board of Supervisors' Work Session for Heidelberg Township was held on Monday, January 30, 2023 at Heidelberg Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 12:04PM pm by Chairman Tim Hansen.

Those present:

Tim Hansen, Chairman
Matt Bollinger, Vice Chairman
Paul King, Supervisor
Tim Shultis, Solicitor via phone

Katie Holmes, Secretary
Barbara Krebs, Manager

Approximately 38 residents/members of the general public were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Acknowledgment of a quorum

Vice Chairman Bollinger made a statement about a rumor from Facebook about a road tax or taxes going up. Taxes have been set for 2023, they are not going up, they are 2.25 mills. There is no intention of raising taxes. As far as a road crew, we have had a part time road crew working for the township and that has always been the case. If this rumor has come from a member sitting at this table, shame on them. This board collectively makes decisions. The rumor is not true. We have zero interest in raising taxes, today we want to talk about items that need discussed before Wednesday so therefore there is no need to petition us.

Chairman Hansen states Larry Sterner, the Road Master, has retired and that is why we are looking to hire. The Assistant Road Master has decided not to take the Road Master position at this time. Therefore, we need to hire a Road Master. There is no change, we want the same level of effort we had before.

Supervisor King states where the information about a Tax Increase is coming from is from him. He agrees that in 2023 the taxes will not go up, but the dominos are being lined up for a 2024 Tax Increase. When you look at Road Master job descriptions, our current road crew did not put in 20 hours a week, so they're already telling you that you're paying for something that you were not getting. So, I will explain to you as we go through the agenda items how this leading to a tax increase.

Manger Krebs let the public know that Solicitor Shultis was attending via phone to assist with the meeting.

4. Public Comment

John Johnstonbaugh respectfully asked that the tax payers and residents in this township can ask questions on agenda items because they're so vague. Vice Chairman Bollinger states they will allow residents to raise their hand as the agenda items are being discussed to ask questions.

Wayne Cook states that it sounds like there is difference in opinions about spending on the roads and if there is going to be tax increase. Is there something that residents can see the numbers and what is proposed? Supervisor King states residents may ask the township office for a copy of budget.

Mark Hudak discussed how it would be important to show a cost benefit analysis on road crew at a township meeting.

Pat Parish suggests the board have records with them backing up their if their comments at the meeting so residents don't have to go in to the office.

Bob Stine suggested the township put in to place job descriptions years ago, had job descriptions been put in to place a lot of things in this township wouldn't have happened.

Lori Van Tassel de Castillo states what she hears form the board is that getting a Road Master and Crew is the most responsible way to go but questioned if this is the most affordable way.

Jeff Paulus states this meeting seems to be more political than it needs to be and also says you say numbers are available but we elected the three of you to know these numbers.

Ed Strausbaugh how often has the board called on me to ask me what I think. How often do each of you speak to the residents and let them know what is going on?

Susan Kelleher discussed the time of the work sessions. She also discussed the work done to Pamadeva Road and the additional work still needs completed and that she is against taxes going up in 2024.

Sandi Stine asked why Sam Myers did not want to take the Road Master position.

Pat Parish discussed overspending of the budget and questioned the Park Agreement, Ball Field usage and the fee schedule.

Mark Hudak discussed paying for specific things and he likes facts, papers and documents.

Victoria Senft discussed the change she sees in the board, transparency with documents and to be able to zoom township meetings.

5. Work Session Items

- Fire/EMS Tax Credit
Chief Walker discussed Fire/EMS Tax Credit criteria. The fire company has initiated a program based on a point system. There are 15 members that are residents. Chief will provide this information to the Manager. The Solicitor and Manager will then be able to create and finalize the criteria for the Ordinance there will be a Public Hearing before it can be enacted.
- Park Usage Agreement and Field Maintenance
Vice Chairman Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Chairman Hansen to table this discussion. Supervisor King voted against. Motion passed 2-1.
- Resolution 2023-01 amending 2022-10 clerical error on water company pay wage
Manager Krebs discussed how the error occurred and how we fix the pay wage with a new Resolution.
- Tractor Update
Manger Krebs discussed the mowing tractor prices that were received. The repair would cost, \$6,028.86, a new tractor would cost \$12,950 and a used tractor would cost \$14,900. The township Manager will send out RFP's to lawn mowing companies in order to compare with all estimates.
- Penn Waste contract
Manager Krebs discussed the Penn Waste contract and will ask the board to extend the current contract one year at the next BOS meeting.
- Documents, Office, Computer and Security
Manager Krebs discussed security for documents that is being obtained but also look in to security and backup for the office. Manager Krebs will ask for the board to approve at the next BOS meeting.

- Bids received
Supervisor King discussed the bids received. Manager Krebs discussed the vagueness of the bids. Chairman Hansen would like to wait until we have a Road Master to discuss the roadwork that needs done. Vice Chairman Bollinger states that Manager Krebs has asked that we hold off on road work until April.
- Road/Maintenance Department, Job Descriptions/Hiring
Supervisor King discussed the Job Descriptions. He provided an analysis of the current/past Road Crew. Manager Krebs discussed details of how she put together job descriptions from our employees. Chairman Hansen authorized Solicitor Shultis to write the ethics commission for an advisory opinion whether or not a supervisor can vote for himself in a paid position in the township.
- Engineer Event
Manager Krebs discussed an event offered to the board from C.S. Davidson
- York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization representation
Manager Krebs discussed they are looking for individual members to serve on their board.
- York Adams Tax Meeting on January 30th
Manager Krebs discussed the meeting being held January 30, 2023.

6. Public Comment

Michelle Dearman discussed comment section of the agenda and the issues of Pamadeva Drive.

Vice Chairman Bollinger discussed a future Town Hall meeting with the Manager and a Board Member. Vice Chairman Bollinger also mentioned putting together a Water Committee and a Park Committee.

A resident discussed an issue on Hilltop Dr where the water runs in to her yard and questioned if there was a low volume traffic grant to fix the issue. Supervisor King stated that if High Rock Road doesn't qualify, the township can next look at Hilltop Drive.

Sandi Stine discussed her appreciation for Manager Krebs.

7. Meeting adjourned at 2:43pm.

Katie Holmes, Secretary