

The December 4, 2019 meeting of the Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tim Hansen.

Tim Hansen, Larry Sterner, Matt Bollinger, Steve McKonly, Adam Smith and Norma Markle were present.

Others present Nancy & Mike Muggio, George McGee, Mike Myers, Mike Ritz, Travis Lauchman, Kurtis & Bonnie Sterner, John Laurin, Tammy & Chris Groft, Chad Markle, Chris Walker, Tim Damon, RonSmith, Kathy Kerchner, Jeremy Neidigh, Gregg Anderson, Ellen Thompson, Amy Taylor, Dennis Ballas, Ted Legore, Rusty & Grace Elsner, Karen Bollinger, Tim & Vickie Senft, Scott Rabenstine, Doug Brodhecker, Dan Schmidt, Willa Lefever, Bill Kaiser, Sharon & Andy Brough, Alan Zinneman, Paul King, Bob & Sandi Stine, Michael Zittle, Heather Albright, Curt & Jayme Hempfing, Tobin Zech, Dakota Bollinger, Sam Myers, Matt Fuhrman, Justin Fuhrman, Jack Green, Peggy & Allen Myers, Dale Myers, Kathy & Tommy Tawney, Tina Locurto, Cletus Wentz, Marlene & Fred Hansen, Billy Myers, Andy & Amanda Myers, Dean Bentzel, Scott Rabenstine, Chad Zepp, Pat & Rodney Shearer, Matt Muir, Deputy Chief David Lash, Jamie Stalcup and others who did not sign in.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as distributed.

Officer in Charge Jamie Stalcup presented the October Police Report. The Department responded to 76 call in the Township.

Scott Rabenstine read the November Fire Report. They responded to 14 calls for the month. Scott also stated that there was a field fire along High Rock Road on Thanksgiving and thankfully the wind was not blowing in the direction of the homes in Laurel Woods or it could have been a bad scene. There are dead trees and debris along the road that should be cleaned up to prevent further problems.

Tim Hansen stated that the large number in attendance is due to Southwestern Regional Police Department (SWRP) disbanding and the choice between Northern York County Regional Police (NYCRP) and York Area Regional Police (YARP).

Tim opened the floor to Chief Tim Damon from YARP. Chief Damon stated that their department has 43 officers and would be willing to hire the officers from SWRP if they are selected to serve the Township. Have lots for county resources to assist their department. Operate very similar to SWRP, would have familiar faces in the Township. Care about the people they serve and are their to assist with problems. Pension is funded near 90%. Would be a good fit for the Township.

Deputy Chief David Lash from NYCRP, to become Chief on 1/1/20, stated their department provides excellent service to the townships surrounding us. Surround Heidelberg Township on 3 sides and would already be in the area. Have 2 Student Resources Officers at the High School and Middle School during school days. NYCRP has offered job applications to all the SWRP Officers, but no one has applied. Earlier today the NYCRP Board has offered to purchase the current SWRP building and have a satellite station in the Township.

The floor was then opened to public comments;

- Curt Hempfing stated that he lives in Heidelberg Township and is also an Officer with YARP and would love to serve this area.
- Chad Zepp asked about the response time for YARP since they would be serving Spring Grove Borough, they estimated around 5 minutes.
- Paul King asked NYCRP if the purchase of the building would be contingent upon Heidelberg Township joining their department and he was told that would be correct.
- Ellen Thompson asked about the number of female and male officers per departments, NYCRP stated they have 58 officers and 1 is female and YARP stated they have 43 officers and 5 are female, 2 Spanish males and 1 black male.
- A resident of Laurel Woods asked YARP about response time to their area, and was told they can't give an exact answer.
- Sandy Stine asked NYCRP about hiring SWRP officers and was told they were given applications but no one applied. Feels the purchase of the building would be an asset to the Township.
- Fred Hansen asked about the staff at SWRP and told they are not included in the transfer.
- Michael Zittle asked if YARP is interested in the building and was told they are not, they would use the Township building if necessary. This question was not a factor until today when NYCRP offered to purchase the building as a substation and also partner with a County agency to use the building also.
- Dennis Ballas asked if the Township would be billed by NTCRP for the purchase of the building and was told no, they would pay cash and would be deeded to them.
- Pat Shearer asked about response time; YARP stated that their would always be a presence in SG or Heidelberg and offer 80 hrs. of service per week with approximately 20 hrs. being administrative. NYCRP stated they would have 80 hrs. per week and be available 24/7, 3 officers will be on duty 11 AM – 11 PM and also have 2 school resources officers available if needed, during the day.
- Andy Brough asked about the cost per department and was told they are both the same.

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- Vickie Senft asked about the pension funding and NYCRP is funded at 75% and YARP is funded at 87%. Vickie is concerned that NYCRP is underfunded and could cause a hardship on the Township. Steve McKonly stated that according to the contract that it would be no burden on the Township.
- Dave Lash stated that a Township or Borough has never been billed for pension costs. If the Township would decide to leave the department it would require a 1 year notice and if there is a board seat it would require a 2 year notice.
- Grace Elsner stated she hates to see SWRP Department leave and thanked them and the Township Board and staff for all they do. She feels safety is the most important thing for the Township residents and feels the response time is the most important resource to serve us.
- Chad Zepp asked about AED's, YARP has AED's and NYCRP does not.
- A resident stated that AED's are not a save all and that CPR can be preformed until medics arrive.
- Michael Zittle stated that he has an office in East Berlin and they are covered by 1 officer for 40 per week and then rely on the State Police from Gettysburg and there is sometimes a 45 minute wait for them to arrive.
- Doug Brodhecker stated he feels that NYCRP have a more aggressive approach to policing then we are use to. The number one issue is to fight crime and feels that YARP has the resources to do so and lots of County agencies to rely on.
- Matt Muir, Supervisor from Manheim Township, stated the reason they choose NYCRP was they thought it was the best for their residents not what is best for the officers. Without North Codorus Township they felt is wasn't feasible to stay with SWRP and would not be able to afford their budget. With the numbers given YARP could offer 12 hrs. per day and NYCRP 3 officers on duty 12 hrs. per day.
- Tim Hansen stated that the NYCRP contract is contingent upon the purchase of the building. The building will be to be appraised and the price agreed upon by all parties involved with the purchase. The SWRP Board will continue business until the department is dissolved.
- Tim Hansen asked for a show of hands for YARP, 15 and there were 37 people who stated on a call in. NYCRP show of hands; A lot and 55 people called in their preference.

Tim Hansen made a motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 2019-04**; the 6th Amendment to the Articles-of-Agreement to dissolve the Southwestern Regional Police Department, Larry Sterner seconded and Matt Bollinger concurred.

Vote for choice of Police Services for the Township. Matt Bollinger stated this is a very difficult decision and has promised to keep his word and do what the citizens want so he has to go with NYCRP. Tim Hansen stated that these are 2 excellent departments and had a passion for SWRP and this is a hard decision; but public safety is the most important issue and listening to the citizens is important and has to go with NYCRP. Larry Sterner stated common sense should prevail and votes for NYCRP. Tim Hansen made a motion to go with NYCRP for 1 year, contingent on purchasing the building and if that ~~goes through a 5 year contract~~, Matt Bollinger seconded and Larry Sterner concurred.

There was a brief break in the meeting.

The 2020 Budget was presented. Tim Hansen made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2019-04** to set the millage rate at 2.25 mills, Matt Bollinger seconded and Larry Sterner concurred.

Tim Hansen made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2019-05** to adopt the 2020 Budget of \$1,200,000.00, Larry Sterner seconded and Matt Bollinger concurred.

Norma Markle read the Planning Commission Report, there was no business brought before the Board.

Norma Markle read the Zoning Officers Report. There was \$111.00 revenue for the month.

Andy Brough presented the Gitts Run Road LLC plan with only 50' of this land swap being in the township and all in the swamp area and the rest in Penn Township. Tim Hansen made a motion to conditionally approve this plan, pending approval by the Township Planning Commission, Larry Sterner seconded and Matt Bollinger concurred.

Adam Smith reviewed the Engineers Report. The bridge on Gitts Run Road should be completed and ready for inspection on December 16th. Still waiting for the PIB Loan money to be released so payments can be made. Signage will be placed on Route 116 at the Smith Station intersection concerning the awareness of a left turn while heading west. If a lighted sign is to be installed it would be at the Township's expense of \$10,000.00. Adam is looking into funding through PEMA grants for the 6500 block of York Road water issues.

Steve McKonly presented **ORDINANCE 2019-05** to establish the distribution of public water to residents and businesses in the Township. Matt Bollinger made a motion to adopt this Ordinance, Larry Sterner seconded and Tim Hansen concurred.

Steve will advertise the Reorganizational Meeting for Monday January 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM and the Auditors Meeting for Tuesday January 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Matt Bollinger presented the 2020 Budget for the SWRP Board of approximately \$61,000.00 to shut the department down. There will be monies left over so there should be no out of pocket

funds. Tim Hansen made a motion to approve this Budget, Larry Sterner seconded and Matt Bollinger concurred.

Larry Sterner stated it has been a pleasure to serve the Township and work with everyone on the Board for the past 18 years and thanked everyone for everything. Norma thanked Larry for his 41 years of service on the roads, 10 years (1/92 – 12/01) on the Planning Commission and 18 years (1/02 – 12/19) as Supervisor. She stated it was a pleasure working with him and will be missed. Tim thanked Larry for all his public service, and he will be missed on the Board. Matt thanked Larry and Sam for the great job they do on the roads. Rod Shearer stated as a neighbor and fellow Supervisor (in N/C Twp) he thanks Larry for all he does and especially the road work that is done.

The 2020 Treasures Bond for Norma was presented and signed.

The 2020 SPCA Agreement was presented and signed.

Bob Stine asked about the Police Agreement, he was told 1 year and if the building is not purchased the Township can get out at that time.

Norma Markle read the Treasures Report.

GENERAL FUND -	Beginning Balance	229,272.67
	Revenue	82,673.74
	Expenditures	44,832.46
	Ending Balance	267,113.95
STATE FUND -	Savings	151,889.80

GENERAL FUND REVENUE - DECEMBER 4, 2019

Tax Claim Bureau	Deliquent Taxes	7.1
GHI Eng & Surveyors	Septic Permits	1,089.50
Tom Reilly	Vehicle Fines	386
Tom Reilly	Crimnal Fines	175.88
Clerk of Courts	Crimnal Fines	93.48
York Adams Tax Bureau	Earned Income Tax - '19	66,905.84
York Adams Tax Bureau	Earned Income Tax - '18	2,241.63
York Adams Tax Bureau	EIT - Prior	247.75
Reorder of Deeds	Transfer Tax - Nov	7,361.27
Reorder of Deeds	Transfer Tax - Dec	1,151.50
Dale Myers	Insurance	476.88
PA Dept. of Transportation	State Police Fines	1,083.35
Zoning Officer	2 - Building Permits	305.50
Sherry Thompson	Real Estate Tax - '19	1,094.53
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TOTAL \$82,673.74

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Norma Markle	Wages	1,154.50	25715
Sherry Thompson	Tax Reimb & Supplies	221.83	25716
Phyllis Hilbert	Wages	417.55	25717
Paul Hilbert	Wages	270.19	25718
T. Samuel Myers	Wages	85.36	25719
Larry Sterner	Wages & Supervisors Pay	273.19	25720
Tim Hansen	Supervisors Pay	413.81	25721
Matt Bollinger	Supervisors Pay & Water Co.	560.25	25722
Colby Snyder	Water Co & Mileage	334.26	25723
Larry Rohrbaugh	P/C Meetings	22.08	25724
Judy Tessem	P/C Meetings	44.13	25725
Andy Warehime	P/C Meetings	44.13	25726
Kris Raubenstine	P/C Meetings	44.13	25727
Phil Marks	P/C Meetings	66.21	25728
AT&T	Cell Phones	189.58	Ach Debit
Met-Ed	Street Lights	546.07	Ach Debit
Met-Ed	Elec - Bldg	86.38	Ach Debit

TOTAL \$44,832.46

Tim Hansen made a motion to pay the bills, Larry Sterner seconded and Matt Bollinger concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Norma Markle, Sec.