

**Heidelberg Township York County, PA
Board of Supervisors' Meeting**

1. Call to Order

The monthly Board of Supervisors' meeting for Heidelberg Township was held Wednesday February 2, 2022 at Porters Fire Company and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairman Tim Hansen.

Those present:

Tim Hansen, Chairman	Julie Kutchi, Secretary
Matt Bollinger, Vice Chairman	Neal Doyle, Zoning Officer
Paul King, Supervisor	Tim Shultis, Solicitor

David Lash- Chief of Northern Regional Police Department, Kurtis Sterner- IT Specialist, and approximately 39 residents/members of the general public were present. Others attended via Zoom.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. Public Comment

- Sandi Stine spoke on behalf of HTRA 501-C3 Non-Profit to offer assistance in any reasonable requests to help at the park such as painting, landscaping, etc. A meeting was also requested to discuss possible fundraising and making the park more appealing to all age groups. Chairman Tim Hansen asked for the requests to be submitted in writing.

4. Approval of January's Minutes

Chairman Tim Hansen made a motion to approve January's minutes. Paul King seconded. VOTE 3-0. Motion passes.

5. Fire Report

Lieutenant Robert Wilkes read the Porters Fire Company's January fire report with 8 calls in Heidelberg Township.

6. Spring Grove EMS Report

Jackie Heffner read the Spring Grove EMS report with 26 calls in Heidelberg Township. 6 calls in Heidelberg Township were missed due to being out of service.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. Zoning Reports

a. Planning Commission Minutes

Neal Doyle read the January minutes from the Planning Commission.

b. Zoning Officer Report

Neal Doyle read the zoning report with no permits issued in January but \$100 was collected in permit application deposits.

9. New and/or Old Business

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a. **Tim Shultis, Solicitor**

No report

b. **Matt Bollinger, Vice Chairman**

i. **Water Company Employee Pay**

Water Company employees, Colby Snyder and Larry Rummel, pay rates announced at the January meeting did not reflect the 5% increase granted

Vice Chairman Matt Bollinger made the motion to increase their pay from \$20/hr to \$21/hr. Supervisor Paul King seconded. VOTE 3-0. Motion passes.

c. **Paul King, Supervisor**

i. **Road Work**

A leveling course will be done on Thoman Rd, from Porters Rd to Yingling Rd. Larry and crew will tar and chip it after the leveling course is applied. Also paving will be done on Manor Drive, Clinton Court, and Gardner Drive.

Supervisor Paul King made a motion to authorize C.S. Davidson to publicly advertise for the solicitation of bids for the roadway improvements discussed, work materials, and line painting. Vice Chairman Matt Bollinger seconded. VOTE 3-0. Motion passes.

ii. **Medicare Reimbursement**

September 2020 the Board of Supervisors passed a motion to allow Supervisors on Medicare to be reimbursed for their supplemental insurance, 80% for the primary and 70% for dependents. Supervisor Paul King requested that starting in March 2022 that he be allowed to have this benefit. The total would be \$353.72 per month.

Chairman Tim Hansen made the motion on Paul King's request for Medicare reimbursement. Vice Chairman Matt Bollinger seconded. VOTE 2-0. Paul King abstained. Motion passes.

iii. **Porters Park**

Supervisor Paul King asked that the board request a contract from Timber Ridge Forestry to thin approximately 40 acres. Timber Ridge Forestry would handle the logger and permits necessary to do the work.

Chairman Tim Hansen made the motion that the Board of Supervisors request a contract from Timber Ridge Forestry and upon receiving the contract it be reviewed by our Solicitor. Vice Chairman Matt Bollinger seconded. VOTE 3-0. Motion passes.

d. **Tim Hansen, Chairman**

Peg Moulton, Heidelberg Rail Trail Representative gave updates on the restoration of Oil Creek in preparation for Hanover Trolley Trail.

i. **Yingling Drive**

Tim Hansen opened the floor to residents who wanted to express opinions and discuss about noise and nuisance complaints on Yingling Drive.

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A resident complained of excess speeding and noise of motorcycles and cars. He questioned if there is a speed limit sign in his area of complaint.

A resident complained of large gatherings of ATVs. Also, parties with loud, vulgar music. He states that police have been called over the summer. He complained that neighbors and other individuals race vehicles and motorcycles around the property or neighborhood and disturb the peace and upsetting the residents. He states that the neighbors have been asked to "tone it down" by police and neighbors. He contacted DCNR and they cannot do anything if they are on their own property and there is not a noise ordinance in place for local police to enforce. He believes that the only pathway to solve this issue is for the township to adopt a noise ordinance.

A resident on Yingling Drive complained of ATVs on the roadway. Also, up to 16 motorcycles at a time riding on the road. Resident is not sure if there is a speed limit sign ,but if not can one be put up and reduce the speed limit.

A resident on Hoff Rd asked if there was already a noise ordinance in place.

A resident on Cannery Court complained of cars with loud exhausts and trucks. She states it affects the health of her herd of sheep. She also complained of cars burning (spinning) their tires on Cannery Court.

A resident on Yingling Drive states that the noise is unbearable because he cannot hear his television. He states that it is day after day and hour after hour. He also stated that the ATVs are out on the street and in farmer's cornfields. He agrees there should be a noise ordinance.

A resident on Smith Station Rd stated on December 8th he was run off the road by a pickup truck. More recently, the pickup truck was burning (spinning) his tires on the road and almost ran into the resident's parked car. He stated that it is harassment because the burnouts are in one particular area to target certain people. He wants an ordinance that is more than just noise, something that includes disturbing the peace.

A resident on Yingling Drive stated that she knows the neighbor everyone is talking about and found him on Instagram where he posted a video of him revving his engine with the caption "I bet my neighbors love me." She feels that he is taunting the neighbors.

A resident on Yingling Drive agrees with all other residents who spoke. He feels that the more the neighbors complain the more he does.

A resident on Yingling Drive played a video from his phone. He stated that his daughter works 3rd shift and it is impossible for her to sleep with the activity happening on the recording from his phone.

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Vice Chairman Matt Bollinger stated there are two issues that were discussed. One being a traffic issue and the other being a noise issue. We have purchased more police time and Northern Regional is aware of what is going on. He addressed Chief Lash to write as many tickets as possible.

Supervisor Paul King stated that local police are not able to use radar to control traffic speed. He advised to call your local state representative, Kate Klunk, to take action to get the police the tools they need.

Chairman Tim Hansen opened the floor to Chief Lash of Northern York County Police Department for his opinions on the matters brought up by the residents.

Chief Lash stated that currently in Heidelberg Township operating ATVs on your own property; you can do it as long as you want, as often as you want, and as loud as you want. He states that ATV ordinances are enforced very infrequently but enforced when needed. He stated that "It is not illegal to be an **explicit**" and a lot of the current issues presented tonight is that. He states that this is a neighbor dispute and it is the most difficult for the police to solve but an ATV ordinance would give them some leverage. He brought up that noise ordinances are sometimes unconstitutional and have very limited success. He believes a good place to start is with an ATV ordinance where limitations can be put on time of use and how many can be riding at the same time.

Chief Lash answered several questions from residents in the audience. He did encourage everyone who is dealing with issues to contact 911 when the activity is happening and if you're able to, video tape the activity to identify the driver.

Vice Chairman Matt Bollinger asked the residents for time to get something in to effect.

Chairman Tim Hansen said copies of sample ATV ordinances are available to be picked up at the township building. He stated that they do not want to take away ATVs for recreation and there would be an agricultural exemption for farmers. He will also search for noise ordinance examples that have been effective.

- e. Secretary**
- No report

10. Treasurer's Reports

Secretary Julie Kutchi read the Treasurer's Report prepared by Brenner Accounting.

General Fund- Checking

Beginning Balance	\$316,848.50
Revenue	\$23,945.00
Expenses	\$150,136.46
Ending Balance	\$190,657.04

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South West PD Fund

Beginning Balance	\$58,300.59
Revenue	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$58,300.59

COVID Relief Fund

Beginning Balance	\$140,933.64
Revenue	\$0.00
Expenses	\$4,757.00
Ending Balance	\$136,179.64

State Fund Checking-Savings

Beginning Balance	\$222,114.69
Revenue	\$501.89
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$222,616.58

Chairman Tim Hansen made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Vice Chairman Matt Bollinger seconded. VOTE 3-0. Motion passes.

11. Public comment

- A resident commented about job descriptions and about whether the secretary's position was advertised. Additionally, resident commented about office hours and Secretary's salary and benefits.
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- A resident commented about the secretary's training.
- A resident commented about \$2,000 per month per supervisors' allowance.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm



Julie Kutchi, Secretary