

1. Call to Order

The April Board of Supervisors' meeting for Heidelberg Township was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at Porters Fire Company. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM pm by Chairman Tim Hansen.

Those present:

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

Katie Holmes, Secretary
Barbara Krebs, Manager

Kurtis Sterner-IT Specialist and 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

Chairman Hansen acknowledged the declaration of a quorum.

Chairman Hansen called for a moment of silence in Honor of Larry Sterner, Road Master, who passed away April 7, 2023.

4. Public Hearing

Solicitor Shultis began the public hearing on proposed Ordinance of Heidelberg Township York County PA establishing a volunteer service credit program for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical service agencies. The Ordinance provides for a tax credit specifically up to \$500 in Earned Income and \$500 in real property tax credit to qualified members of Volunteer Fire & Non-Profit EMS Agencies in Heidelberg Township, that is just the Fire Company.

Solicitor Shultis opened the floor up for Public Comment.

Nick Gentile of 870 Iron Ridge Road, asked if this is open to all members and does this happen in other municipalities?

Mark Hudak of 929 Porters Road, asked if we did an analysis of how many people will benefit from it and what will it cost the township, personally he thinks the cost we incurred for having the Solicitor write it up he does not believe it is beneficial. Manager Krebs stated there are about 7 to 8 township residents that could qualify.

Public Comment closed.

Chairman Hansen made a motion to advertise this ordinance and to vote at the June BOS meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Bollinger. 3-0 motion passed.

5. Public Comment

Chairman Hansen makes a statement before public comment began. We are going to very strictly hold to 3 minutes per speaker and you must come to the podium. If you do not use your entire 3 minutes at once the board will allow you to come back to the podium again.

Peg Moulton of Laurel Woods, gave a brief update on the Hanover Trolley Trail. Peg also gave a reminder that Friday May 5, 2023 is Give Local York.

Mark Hudak of 929 Porters Road, spoke about township financial statements, the water company, police pension and RTK response information.

Nick Gentile of 870 Iron Ridge Road, updated the Board on the speed survey on Iron Ridge Road that he requested be performed. Supervisor King asked Nick to summarize the results of the speed survey. Nick stated it is a non-issue, 1% of the traffic was in violation of speeding.

Alan Miller of 711 High Rock Road N, stated he has put together an alternative to the new pump proposal for the Water Company. Mr. Miller will email the document to the township for review. Supervisor King asked if this alternative should also be given to the Engineer who has started the grant application. Mr. Miller responded; the document he prepared is intended for the eyes of the engineer.

Renen Castillo of 6826 Cannery Ct, stated it would be great to get answers from Supervisors on questions that have arisen from residents.

Bob Stine of 6327 Straw Acres Road, stated Mr. Hudak appears here tonight in hopes to pull a rabbit out of hat to somehow ensure a victory for Paul King's candidate, Lori Van Tassel. Mr. Hudak has publicly referred to Matt Bollinger as a train wreck. That is not an opinion that Mr. Stine shares, when this election is held Matt will prevail. Supervisor King addressed Solicitor Shultis stating that was inappropriate, it was not Township Business. Solicitor Shultis responded that this is public comment period and the board cannot not have the public speak based on content.

Meg Powell of 1200 Porters Road, stated that it is very inappropriate to try to silence people.

6. Approval of April BOS Minutes

Chairman Hansen makes a motion to approve the April BOS minutes with the amendment relating to the discussion of the appointment of committees amending the word Board to Committee (Public Comment, paragraph 7), seconded by Vice Chairman Bollinger. Motion passed 3-0.

7. Fire Report

Chief Walker read the Porters Fire Company April fire report.

8. NYCRPD

Chief Lash gave an update on the new head quarter facility in Northern Manchester Township. The goal is to continue to drive the price of the facility down, so it does not have an adverse effect on municipalities. The total project is in the \$16 million range, long-term financing will be less than \$8 million.

Chief Lash also read the April Police Report for Heidelberg Township.

John Johnstonbaugh of 790 Menges Mills Road, questioned information about the police department pension fund being in the rears and for the Chief to update. Chief Lash stated that as of 01/01/2021, the last actuarial study completed, the pension plan is 87% funded, short fall is \$4 million.

Nick Gentile of 870 Iron Ridge Road, questioned if we were sharing that with other municipalities? Chief Lash responded, yes, Heidelberg Township is less than 4% of their overall budget.

9. Unfinished Business

Manager Krebs states that Penn-Mar Radio Club did submit the Park Facility Agreement with an attachment of a list of items they require. She requests the board look at the attachment and report back to the office so that we can work out whatever issues we have prior to signing the agreement.

Manager Krebs stated the Herbicide application was sent out; it is to be back to the Township by May 17.

10. Zoning /Engineer Report

April zoning report was read by Secretary Holmes. There were 2 permits issued and \$100.00 collected.

11. New and/or Old Business

Solicitor Tim Shultis, Salzman Hughes, P.C.

Solicitor Shultis provided and went over Personal Property Resolution 2023-08 for the BOS to approve. Vice Chairman Bollinger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-08, seconded by Chairman Hansen. Motion passed 3-0.

Solicitor Shultis updated the Cable Franchise with Comcast which expires at the end of 2023.

Manager/Treasurer, Barbara Krebs

Manager Krebs read the March Treasurer's Report and provided a Bills Paid report and Bills to be Paid report in one report.

General Fund- Checking

Beginning Balance	\$145,389.34
Revenue	\$ 170,210.81
Expenses	<u>\$ 22,361.13</u>
	\$293,239.02

South West PD Fund

Beginning Balance	\$47,336.59
Expenses	\$ 4,924.00
Ending Balance	\$42,412.59

COVID Relief Fund

Beginning Balance	\$230,856.10
Expenses	<u>\$ 833.50</u>
Ending Balance	\$230,022.60

State Fund Checking-Savings

Beginning Balance	\$138,875.82
Revenue	<u>\$ 140,927.98</u>
Ending Balance	\$279,803.80

Chairman Hansen made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report, Bills Paid, and Bills to be Paid report, seconded by Vice Chairman Bollinger. Motion Passed 3-0.

Manager Krebs went over the April Office/Maintenance Activity Report.

Chairman Hansen made a motion to approve staff to post the Zoom BOS Meeting on the Township Website for 14 days, seconded by Vice Chairman Bollinger. Motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Hansen made a motion to approve Tax Refund Requests, seconded by Vice Chairman Bollinger. Motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Hansen made a motion to approve 2 replacement doors in maintenance department garage paid from COVID fund, seconded by Vice Chairman Bollinger. Motion passed 3-0.

Manager Krebs provided the BOS the Liquid Fuels Audit for their review.

Manager Krebs gave a brief computer and security update, the total spent to date is \$21, 275.73.

John Johnstonbaugh of 790 Menges Mills Road, questioned the budget on snow removal, is there money remaining in the budget from this year and how will it be used in the future? Second, he questioned does anyone know what 1 mill in Heidelberg Township would amount of money that would bring in. Lastly, he asked can you compare mills with Heidelberg Township and another township?

Manager Krebs responded, as far as the snow removal budget she will be able to get a better figure and appropriate reports when all the accounts are up to date. As far as the mill, she would need to look at the tax warrant. The last question, comparing Heidelberg tax mill to other townships. A mill is a mill of your tax warrant.

Public Works

Chris Walker gave an update on the Dirt and Gravel Grant for Sycamore Drive.

Chairman Hansen made a motion to apply for the Dirt and Gravel grant for Sycamore Drive, seconded by Vice Chairman Bollinger. Motion passed 3-0.

Chairman, Tim Hansen

Chairman Hansen suggests that the BOS honor Larry Sterner by naming the Heidelberg Township Park Facility The Larry Sterner Memorial Park.

Chairman Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 Planning Commission wage, seconded by Vice Chairman Bollinger. Motion passed 3-0.

Supervisor, Paul King

Supervisor King stated for the water company thus far, the township has invested approximately \$25,000 that was not received back on rate charges. With the grant that is being proposed and with the matching grant application, it would be an additional \$50,000. Which would put the township at a total investment of \$75,000. Supervisor King thinks that Mr. Miller's proposal should be sent to the Engineer.

Supervisor King stated and reminded the Board that if committees are created, he would like to ensure that the meetings will be public.

Supervisor King stated with Stormwater Management and Drain Work on Hill Top Dr. The drain is completely clogged. Manger Krebs responded that drain pipe is on the road work list.

Supervisor King stated the Board received a list last month of citizen complaints. Many of these complaints are 9 months old and have already been answered. Supervisor King would like the Board to acknowledge that in an agricultural zone, tractors are not junk.

TerryLynn Ross of 6135 Danner Drive, is the neighbor of the farm tractor complaint. She has pictures of the additional junk that sits around the tractors and containers with standing water. She requests that the complaint be rechecked.

Supervisor King states the Chairman and himself over two years ago looked at the situation. Chairman Hansen states he is not opposed to having the Zoning Officer to go back out and look at this. Solicitor Shultis stated if the board is discussing active and ongoing complaints that are being investigated by the Code Enforcement Officer it is not appropriate to discuss the merits of the complaints in a public session. The Code Enforcement Officer is charged with the duty to see it through one way or the other and not to be directed.

Victoria Senft of 6118 Danner Drive, stated that this disturbs her that someone would drive through her development and decide what is junk and what is not based on an ordinance interpretation.

Chairman Hansen stated it is the Townships obligation to determine if a property is in violation of it Ordinance and to take proper action.

Supervisor King stated that if you file an RTK that you can go to the office and take a photo of the information you request. If the information you request was redacted, the township needs to make a copy in order to redact it. You pay for that copy but you may still take a picture of the redacted form.

Supervisor King made a motion for the Board to purchase the PSATS Sunshine Act and RTK Law Booklet for \$25 for the citizens to view at their, seconded by Chairman Hansen. Motion passed 3-0.

Solicitor Shultis stated when the township makes a redacted copy the requestor needs to pay for that. They may take photographs of the redacted copy.

Supervisor King stated providing a tax credit for low income citizens in the township, there is a property tax rent and rebate program. He asks that the Board consider doing this to provide tax relief to those that are in low income brackets and that we can just build off the state program. It saves the township costs for applications and verifying income.

Supervisor King states that he has checked with the insurance company and the water company is covered under our liability insurance.

Supervisor King states that Manager Krebs has spoke on the 2021 Audit. The manager will have a better idea on completion after we meet with Auditors May 17th.

Supervisor King suggested looking at the truck length when performing Traffic Studies on Iron Ridge Road, requesting Jacobs Mill and High Rock West be studied as well.

Nick Gentile, of 870 Iron Ridge Road, stated he has been looking into this for 2 years.

Supervisor King stated the EMA Meeting was held at the township 4/27/23, once EMA determines how much space is needed to move equipment the Township can address if this will be allowed. The next EMA meeting is in August.

12. Upcoming Meetings

Chairman Hansen stated there will be a planning commission meeting on May 10, 2023 at 7:00PM.

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Katie Holmes, Secretary