



SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORKSHOP & GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING – 4-20-2021

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of South Heidelberg met at the Municipal Building for the monthly workshop & general business meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Byrne at 9:00 AM, on April 20, 2021 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEETING ATTENDEES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman, Thomas R. Byrne
Vice-Chairman, John N. Musante
Secretary, Tiffany L. Billingsley

TOWNSHIP STAFF & ADVISORS

Township Manager, Sean A. McKee
Police Chief, Leon J. Grim
Public Works Manager, Bill Lanza
Township Solicitor, Andrew George
Township Engineer, Gary Kraft

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Byrne also made an announcement that the meeting audio is being recorded for the purposes of accurately documenting the meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Mr. McKee referenced the following item from his report:

Krick Lane Extension. Mr. McKee discussed the Krick Lane extension and asked the Board that they approve moving forward with contacting Henry Noss to conduct a meeting regarding the taking of land necessary for the project. Mr. McKee stated that with the Traffic Impact Fees coming in he would like to see the project be ready to go in 2022.

McKee asked the Board if there were any questions. No comment from the Board.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Grim referenced the following items from his report:

Life Saving Recognition – Corporal Patton and Officer Baxter. Chief Grim discussed an incident that occurred in the Borough of Wernersville involving a motorcycle that collided with a vehicle at the traffic light. The individual on the motorcycle was thrown from the motorcycle upon striking a vehicle and the motorist's leg was amputated as part of the accident. Officer Baxter along with Corporal Patton were on scene and applied tourniquet training to the injured motorists and saved his life as a result of their quick action and application of the training they had just received. Chief Grim stated that the Reading Hospital would be present at the next meeting to present both Officers with a Life Saving Award.

Part Time Hire – Mitchell Cole. Chief Grim discussed the potential hiring Mitchell Cole as a part time officer. Chief Grim provided the Board with Mr. Cole’s information for review and asked that the Board consider hiring Mr. Cole at its next meeting.

2021 F150 Lease to Own. Chief Grim provided quotes to the Board regarding a lease to own of a 2021 Ford F150 vehicle. Chief Grim stated this would be the second Supervisory vehicle in the fleet and that the first F150 has been well received. Chief Grim stated the lease to own authorization to acquire the vehicle would be on the agenda for the next Board meeting to approve.

K9 Program. Chief Grim provided the Board information regarding the implementation of a K9 program in the department. Chief Grim stated he has spoken with the Caron Foundation as Caron utilizes a hired K9 unit frequently and would fund the purchase of a K9 for the SHPD with an understanding that the SHPD would provide K9 services to Caron when requested. Chief Grim stated Caron would pay for the K9 as well as for upfit to an SHPD SUV. Chief Grim stated the process would also include a review of Officers interested in the K9 role. Mr. Byrne stated he would be in favor of this program and asked about the type of dog that would be utilized. Chief Grim stated the dog would be a German Short Haired Pointer and would be a non-aggressive dog used for missing persons and narcotics.

Chief Grim asked for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Chief Grim asked the Board if there were any questions. No comment from the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lanza referenced the following items from his report:

Public Works Full Time Hire – Kevin Treese. Mr. Lanza stated that he has completed interviews for a full-time public works employee. Mr. Lanza provided the Board with information relating to Kevin Treese who is the candidate Mr. Lanza would recommend for hire. Mr. McKee stated that he had participated in the final interviews and agrees with Mr. Lanza’s selection of Kevin Treese for the position.

Mr. Lanza asked the Board if there were any questions from his report. No comment from the Board.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT

Township Engineer Gary Kraft referenced his report.

Industrial Park. Mr. Kraft stated that the review of the escrow related to the Industrial Park has been completed and provided is recommendations relating to his findings in working with Township Manager McKee. Mr. Kraft stated that a release of \$131,565.59 can be granted with a Maintenance Escrow of \$100,000 being retained.

Industrial Park Lot 11. Mr. Kraft provided a brief update concerning the Lot 11 submission and that the planning commission recommended conditional approval of the plans submitted to compliance with any outstanding items from the Kraft Engineering review letter dated February 28, 2021.

Prime Wellness Phase 2. Mr. Kraft stated the planning commission has reviewed plans and recommended conditional approval subject to compliance with the outstanding items of the Kraft Engineering letter dated March 20, 2021. Mr. Kraft stated that he has not received plan revisions based on the review letter as of yet.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. MacFarlane referenced his report.

Wernersville CCC Zoning Hearing Update. Mr. George stated that oral arguments to the Berks County Court of Common Pleas were held on April 13, 2021 before Judge Timothy Rowley. Mr. George stated that the next step is for the court to render a decision.

Child First Services Hearing Update. Mr. George stated that a Notice of Intervention was filed with the Berks County Court of Common Pleas on February 4, 2021, however no argument date has been set at this point.

Members First Stormwater Pipe Issue. Mr. George provided an update regarding the stormwater pipe dispute involving Members First. Mr. George stated that counsel for Members First is attempting to setup a site meeting with members of South Heidelberg, Lower Heidelberg, PennDOT and the property owner across route 422 to which the pipe dispels.

Mr. George had nothing further to report. The Board had no questions.

RECREATION BOARD

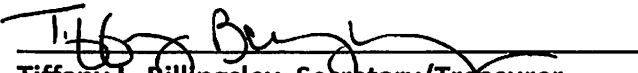
Mrs. Billingsley stated that the Spotlight this month is for John Croft of Greystone Alpacas. Mrs. Billingsley stated his spotlight would be published by the end of the month and thanked Mr. Croft for his work in the community and attending Township meetings and events. Mrs. Billingsley also stated the next recreation event called Boot Scoot and Boogie will be coming up in May and will be held at South Mountain Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 9:27am was made by Mrs. Billingsley seconded Mr. Musante and carried unanimously by the Board.


Tiffany L. Billingsley, Secretary/Treasurer