



SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORKSHOP & GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING – 5-18-2021

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 May 18, 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 progress on the Krick Lane extension. Mr. McKee stated that a meeting was held on May 10th with Henry Noss and his attorney to discuss the Krick Lane extension. Township Engineer Gary Kraft and Scott Anderson along with Township Solicitor Andrew George were also part of the meeting with Mr. Noss. Mr. McKee stated that the next steps would be to obtain the extension files from former Township Engineer Mark Staboloepszy so that adjustments can be made to the design. Those adjustments can then be reviewed by the Board and Mr. Noss.

Comprehensive Plan Update. Mr. McKee stated the feedback has been received from the Berks County Planning Commission regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Mr. McKee stated the final stages of advertising the changes and conducting a public hearing would occur in the next few months to close out his process.

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:

Part Time Hire – Robert Heiden. Chief Grim discussed the hiring to part time of Robert Heiden. Mr. Heiden was present and provided the Board details of his background in law enforcement which included time working for the Berks County District Attorney’s Office as a Criminal Investigator. Chief Grim stated he would like to proceed with hiring Mr. Heiden at the General Business Meeting.

Body Cameras. Chief Grim stated that he is working on obtaining updated body camera quotes. Mr. McKee stated that the Township has budgeted for the body cameras pending a grant but based on the current climate the cameras could be purchased without an adverse effect on the budget.

K9 Program. Chief Grim provided a brief update on the K9 Program.

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:

Guiderail Bid Authorization – Huntzinger Road. Mr. Lanza stated that he would like to begin the process of advertising for bid the guiderail replacement on Huntzinger Road. Mr. McKee stated the guiderail replacement has been budgeted but due to the projected cost this project must be placed for bid.

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 Lot 11. Mr. Kraft provided a brief update concerning the Lot 11 submission. Mr. Kraft stated the applicant has not yet resubmitted anything for review following the planning commission’s March conditional plan approval.

Prime Wellness Phase 2. Mr. Kraft stated that discussions continue with the applicant regarding trip generation pertaining to the Traffic Impact Fee. Mr. Kraft stated that no revised plans have been submitted following the Board approval of the plans at its last meeting.

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

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. George referenced his report.

Wernersville CCC Zoning Hearing Update. Mr. George stated the Berks County Court has upheld the South Heidelberg Township Zoning Hearing Boards decision via an order on April 28, 2021. Mr. George stated the Commonwealth may appeal the decision to the Commonwealth Court with the deadline to apply being May 28, 2021.

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 stated that a meeting at the site of the ongoing pipe issue was held on April 27, 2021 with South Heidelberg, Lower Heidelberg, property owners and PennDot to discuss the issues with the pipe. Mr. George stated the two property owners were advised by PennDot to attempt to work things out otherwise permitting and delays would occur.

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

RECREATION BOARD


Mrs. Billingsley referenced the upcoming Boot Scootin' Boogie event will be held on May 22 from 5:00PM to 9:00PM at South Mountain Park. Mrs. Billingsley had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 10:28am was made by Mr. Musante seconded Mrs. Billingsley and carried unanimously by the Board.


Tiffany L. Billingsley, Secretary/Treasurer