



# SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### WORKSHOP & GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING – 6-15-2021

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#### 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 9:01 AM, on June 15, 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 made 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:

**Tax Collector.** Mr. McKee stated that no individual received the number of write-in votes needed to be placed on the ballot in the fall for the Tax Collector position. Mr. McKee stated that if a citizen receives the appropriate number of write-in votes and claims those votes in the fall the position would be filled however if not the tax collector would be vacant and the Board would need to appoint someone to that role. Solicitor George stated that there wasn't much that could be done until after the election in the Fall other than to begin to search for potential appointees in the event a write in candidate does not win the election in the fall.

**Trash Contract.** Mr. McKee provided an update regarding review of the existing trash contract. Mr. McKee stated he has been working with Jane Meeks of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority to review the contract and revise the contract to be more updated. Mr. McKee stated the JP Mascaro initial 3 year term ends in April 2022 and the Board has the option to renew for 2 years after the expiration of the 3 year contract.

**ARPA Update.** Mr. McKee stated that the ARPA funds have not been received yet and no update has been provided by DCED regarding when those funds would be received. The only update provided from DCED is that the funds would be distributed in the next 4-6 weeks.

## **TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT**

**Krick Lane Extension.** Mr. McKee provided a brief update on the Krick Lane extension and stated the Township Engineers are reviewing the previous plan by SSM and updating the plan. Mr. Noss has been contacted and the plan was reviewed with him and his attorney. Mr. McKee stated the next steps would be to finalize the plan, review with the Board and continue to move things forward as far as negotiations with Mr. Noss.

**Joint Comprehensive Plan.** Mr. McKee stated that the comprehensive plan is in its final stages leading to adoption. The Berks County Planning Commission has provided its review and the Solicitor and Engineer would finalize the updates and then advertise for a public hearing.

**Officer Termination.** Mr. McKee stated the Board would need to take action regarding an Office Termination.

A motion was made by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Musante and carried unanimously by the Board to ratify the termination of Corporal Jason Rimby, effective May 10, 2021 for violating sections 320.2(b), 320.5.2(b), 320.5.8(a)-(d), 320.5.9(f) and (h) of the South Heidelberg Township Police Department's Standards of Conduct.

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:

**K9 Program.** Chief Grim welcomed Officer Baxter to the meeting to meet the Board. Officer Baxter has been chosen as the Officer who will be assigned to the K9 unit. Officer Baxter provided the Board with some background information and shared his excitement for this opportunity. Chief Grim stated that Officer Baxter will be training with the K9 in July and following the training the unit will be placed into service.

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:

**2021 Road Projects.** Mr. Lanza referenced the preparatory work for the upcoming road projects including pipe replacements and grading that are being completed. Mr. Lanza stated the work is set to begin in mid July and he will notify the Board when the date has been set for the projects to begin.

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.

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 that the Commonwealth of PA has appealed the Berks County Court of Common Pleas ruling. Mr. George stated that the record from the Berks County Court is being submitted to the Commonwealth Court which is the next court that would review the appeal.

**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.

**MOU – K9 Unit.** Mr. George stated a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and Police Association has been drafted relating to the K9 unit. Mr. George stated the Board would need to take action and sign that MOU at its next meeting.

**MOU – Caron Foundation.** Mr. George stated a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and the Caron Foundation has been drafted relating to how the K9 unit will be utilized at Caron. Mr. George stated the Board would need to take action and sign that MOU at its next meeting.

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

**RECREATION BOARD**

Mrs. Billingsley stated that the playground program is underway and 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