



SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORKSHOP & GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING – 7-20-2021

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 July 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 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:

L&U South Heidelberg Industrial Park Waive Request. Mr. McKee presented the Board with a waiver request relating to the height of light standards to allow the L&U project to use a height of 23 feet instead of the requires 20 feet. There were no objections from the Engineer on this waiver request.

A motion was made by Mr. Musante, seconded by Mrs. Billingsley and carried unanimously by the Board to approve the waive request allowing use of 23 feet for the height of light standards as part of the L&U South Heidelberg Industrial Park Project.

L&U South Heidelberg Industrial Park Conditional Approval. Mr. McKee stated that the Engineer for the project is requesting conditional approval for the project. Mr. Leibman who is representing the project stated that the cost of building supplies including steel are increasing significantly and conditioned approval would allow the sale of the property and allow him a place to store the materials needed to construct the building.

A motion was made by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mrs. Billingsley and carried unanimously by the Board to approve the L&U Reality Lot 11 Final Subdivision & Land Development Plan conditioned upon meeting the requirements of the Engineer's Review letter.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Trash Contract. Mr. McKee discussed revisions to the trash contract bid documents based on feedback from Jane Meeks who is the Director of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority. Mr. McKee asked that the Board review and determine if placing the contract out for bid was a path they'd like to pursue. Mr. McKee stated that there a renewal years as part of the existing contract and that even though there have been issued with JP Mascaro that a bid may result in JP Mascaro winning services again and/or higher prices. Mr. McKee stated that if the contract was put out to bid the Board would not have to accept or award any bids and could continue with the renewal years with JP Mascaro.

ARPA Update. Mr. McKee stated that the ARPA funds have been received and a separate dedicated fund account has been setup with VIST Bank as prescribed by the guidance issued thus far. Mr. McKee stated that additional guidance has been issued by Treasury but there are still areas that need to be defined as far as tracking and reporting of how the funds are spent and at this point advised the Board to not utilize the ARPA funds until that guidance is fully published.

Krick Lane Extension. Mr. McKee stated a meeting was held with property owner Henry Noss and his legal counsel concerning the Krick Lane extension project. Engineer Scott Anderson and Engineer Gary Kraft were also present for the meeting. Mr. Noss will be hiring an engineer to sketch out the corner lot created by the extension and will provide that sketch to the Township Engineers to further refine the design of the extension.

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:

Incidents/Activity. Chief Grim referenced incidents of significance from his report.

K9 Program. Chief Grim provided an update relating to Officer Baxter and the K9 Unit. Chief Grim stated that Officer Baxter and K9 Aldo have completed their training and will be in service to the department and community.

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 stated the road projects are underway and no issues have been experienced.

Stormwater Inspections. Mr. Lanza stated that the public works team has completed stormwater inspections on MS4 facilities. Mr. McKee stated that the inspections were completed using the ARCGIS Mapping and Survey system and stated that public works employees Kevin Treese and Ryan Wilkes have done a great job with the inspections.

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 the following items from his report.

Joint Comprehensive Plan. Mr. George stated he has finalized changes to the amendment to the Joint Comprehensive Plan and has been working with Kraft to do so. Mr. George stated that he has reached out to Wernersville Borough and Lower Heidelberg Township regarding a joint hearing or separate meetings and stated it is most likely the other municipalities will address this in separate meetings. Mr. George stated that in August the Board would be able to hold its hearing regarding the amendments.

Wernersville CCC Zoning Hearing Update. Mr. George stated that the Commonwealth of PA has appealed the Berks County Court of Common Pleas ruling to the Commonwealth Court. Mr. George stated the Berks County Court will most likely issue a decision which will explain why it ruled in favor of the Township. Mr. George stated the Commonwealth Court issued an order to the Commonwealth of PA directing the filing of the record within 14 days and as of the meeting the Commonwealth of PA has not yet filed the record.

Child First Services Hearing Update. Mr. George stated that no argument date has been scheduled regarding the appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board Decision. Mr. George stated the appeal would be before the Berks County Court of Common Pleas.

COVID 19 Declaration of Disaster Emergency Declaration. Mr. George stated the Disaster Emergency Declaration relating to COVID19 is still in effect and that the Board would need to a motion to vote to terminate the declaration.

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

RECREATION BOARD

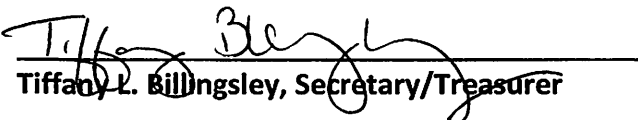
Mrs. Billingsley stated that the playground program continues and planning is underway for the end of year event held in early August.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 10:19am was made by Mr. Musante seconded Mrs. Billingsley and carried unanimously by the Board.


Tiffany L. Billingsley, Secretary/Treasurer