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MEETING MINUTES

Board members present:

Paul Fetter- Chairman

Bruce Kramer

Ted Cromleigh

Others present:

Howard Leed – Road Foreman

Jennifer Snyder – Office Manager

3 members of the public

The meeting of Heidelberg Township was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Fetter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A call for public comment was made. Dan Ginder was in attendance to represent the Schaefferstown Fire Company in discussing finances of 2015 and other matters. He noted some items of interest for the Fire Company including building upgrades, training sessions and fund raising. Volunteers for fire calls are good, but volunteer numbers for fund raising are low. The Ladies Auxiliary disbanded approximately a year ago. Their recent donation letters netted approximately \$32,000 which is very good. The Fire Company operates with four trucks with a replacement scheduled for one of them each every ten years excluding the brush truck. The next truck purchase will be the Rescue Truck which can cost upwards of \$500,000. It is the first response truck with a 1000 gallon water storage capacity. A committee will be formed to facilitate the purchase. An article in the newsletter sometime in the future may help with that endeavor. Chairman Fetter discussed the importance of having good drivers on the fire trucks. He asked Mr. Ginder what type of training they do with any new drivers. Mr. Ginder explained the procedure. Discussion was held regarding drug & alcohol testing for drivers of fire trucks since the Township pays the Workers Compensation premiums for the Fire Company. The Board thanked Mr. Ginder for coming to the meeting and to extend the thank you to all fire company responders for the service they provide to the residents of the Township.

At this time Art Groff, recent buyer of a vacant lot on Distillery Road, was in attendance to discuss any concerns the Board had about his plans for the lot. He noted that he applied for a Driveway Permit and intends to build a house on the property once the fill needed to level the lot is properly stabilized. He stated that he spoke to Gordie Sheetz, Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Carl Kerchner, Lebanon County Conservation District, and they did not have a problem with his plans for the lot. Ted Cromleigh asked how much fill was required to make the lot usable for the purpose he intends. Mr. Groff stated it would require about 1000 loads. In the area of the on-lot sewage system, top soil would be brought in for compaction and must sit for four years. He explained that the fill will be in front of the house since he plans to have the house sit back farther on the lot. Mr. Groff noted that no NPDES permit will be required since he will only be disturbing approximately ½ an acre of land. Ted Cromleigh asked if a stormwater plan has been devised for the new home and if any site plan has been done yet. He

also asked if contractors will be allowed to dump fill on the site other than those being used for the project. Mr. Groff said others will not be allowed to dump. He asked if others had to do the site planning Mr. Cromleigh is requesting. Mr. Cromleigh stated that his site plan needs to be worked out with Bob Lynn of Hanover Engineering before proceeding.

The Board reviewed the minutes. **Bruce Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by Ted Cromleigh and the motion carried.**

A Treasurer's Report including cash deposits, PLGIT and Fulton bank statements and budget comparisons for February 2016 was submitted for review.

Township invoices were submitted and reviewed for payment. Discussions about truck repair were held. **After a brief discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to accept the bills as submitted for a total of \$64,557.30 from the State Fund and General Fund for the invoices and payroll. Ted Cromleigh seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

The Road Foreman's Report for February 2016 was reviewed. The GasBoy report for February 2016 was also reviewed. Gas usage increased due to the snow events in February. Howard Leed stated they are working on dirt road repair currently. He explained the issues the International truck is having with the engine again. He has spoken to the sales rep who is trying to assist us with the invoice for the repair. A sinkhole on the edge of Reistville Road and one on Gibble Road have been attended to. Ted Cromleigh noted one in the field near the Wertz property that should be looked at also. There is an opening near the drive into Plain'n Fancy on 501 North, but Ms. Snyder has contact PennDOT to attend to the problem. Mr. Leed stated street sweeping will take place in the middle of April by Martin's. Discussion about the use of anti-skid with the impending MS4 regulations ensued.

The Zoning Officer's Report for February 2016 was submitted for review.

The State Police Report for February 2016 was submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

The next Utility Meeting will be held March 17, 2016 at 6:30PM.

The Board determined the meeting was not needed this month. All utility business will be conducted at the regular Board of Supervisors meetings.

The Secretary's Report for February included the submission for the 2015 Recycling Grant. Ms. Snyder noted that commercial recycling is down but residential recycling is growing.

The 2014 Liquid Fuels Audit occurred this week and a letter noting that there are no concerns or problems was included for review.

An invoice from D&D Ginder for work on Maple Street was accepted. Once we have all invoices from the sinkhole repair, the Board will determine how they will be paid.

Select Environmental supplied a comparison of water and sewer meter reads for the first portion of March for the Board to review.

David King requested a meter be removed from the apartments at 100 South Market Street that is no longer in service. The Board stated that if the service discontinued, the meter may be removed.

ELCO Youth Baseball asked if they could hold clinics at the baseball field on April 14th and 21st. The Board stated they may use the fields. Discussion about repairs to the fencing at the field ensued. Prices will be sought for the necessary repairs.

Chairman Fetter called an executive session at 8:24 to discussion potential litigation matters. The Board reconvened at 8:46 with no decisions made.

Ms. Snyder asked if Select Environmental should be exercising the hydrants within the HTMA system.

The Board said they need to do that and instructed Ms. Snyder to convey the need.

Chairman Fetter noted that the Boy Scout Troop 417 is celebrating its 90th year this year and would like Ms. Snyder to contact various Congressmen for possible citations for the troop.

Bruce Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52PM, the motion was seconded by Ted Cromleigh and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors will be on March 22, 2016 at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building, 111 Mill Rd. Schaefferstown, PA 17088.

Secretary

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Snyder