

September 15, 2008

The Lower Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on the above date. Those present were: R. David Seip, Kimberly Reifsnyder, Cheryl Johnson, Attorney Liz Magovern, Police Chief General Mohn, Engineer Gary Kraft and Road Foreman Greg Leffler. The meeting was brought to order at 7 p.m. by Mr. Seip.

Mr. Seip asked if there were any additions or corrections to last month's minutes. There were no comments, therefore, Mr. Seip made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kim Reifsnyder. All

Greg Deiterich, Fire Chief, gave his report first so he could get back to class. He is attending a Hazmat Class. There were 25 calls for the month of July & averaged 4 people and 22 calls for the month of August & averaged 4 people. He also wanted to update the Board on the consolidation of the 4 fire companies. Cheryl Johnson is filling in for Dave Seip and having a board member available is greatly appreciated. He also wanted the Board to know that there is a meeting planned for Tuesday Oct 21, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Green Valley elementary school for all 4 municipalities and anyone else who is interested in where they stand with the Task Force. They have everything together to present to everyone including figures and where the fire fighters stand with it. All the fire fighters and officers will be there to answer any questions.

At this time the meeting was open to the public:

Rod Borkert addressed the Board. He had one 3-part question: (1) On the Treasurer's Report, what is the State Aid Fund? (2) The amount in the Trash/Recycling Fund, is that a legitimate number, is it always that high this time of year? And (3) In the General Fund, do those monies include the Environmental Office and if so, he thinks the Environmental Office money should be shown separately. Kim Reifsnyder responded: (1) State Aid Fund is money received from the Commonwealth of PA and can only be used for specific purposes such as purchasing road equipment, some road projects and for purchasing salt & cinders; (2) Trash/Recycling funds come from the taxes on the spring tax bill and the Township is billed each month for the trash/recycling so by next spring that amount will be greatly decreased and (3) No, the General Fund does not include the Environment Sewer Office funds. Those funds will be taken over by the Township ASAP and it will be a separate PLGIT fund marked "Sewer".

There were no more questions or comments from the public at this time.

Tax Collector Report: In the absence of the Tax Collector, Sandy Davis, the report was given by the secretary. \$2,714.96 will be turned over to the township.

Treasurer's Report: Expenditures for the month were \$128,804.70; Receipts were \$282,310.50 and the Balance after bills are paid is \$153,505.80.

Motion by Dave Seip to approve the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report, seconded by Cheryl Johnson. All Motion by Dave Seip to approve the payment of all bills, seconded by Kim Reifsnyder. All

Building/Zoning/Engineering Reports: Gary Kraft discussed the meeting with Performance Motors & PennDOT. Performance Motor's permit will go through. There will be a meeting on Friday to discuss policy. Kim Reifsnyder had a question for Gary Kraft. She wanted to know what is being done about the retention pond at Timberlake. According to Mr. Kraft, they are supposed to be putting the pond into post-production mode. Joe Neidert will check that out. Mr. Borkert asked what is happening to the property between the church and Paplosky's on 422. There seems to be a lot of ground being moved around. The Berks County Conservation District is looking into it. Mr. Seip had a copy of the report dated Aug. 20, 2008 if Mr. Borkert would like to look at it.

Recreation Board: Kim Reifsnyder reported that they did not have a meeting because the meeting date fell on Labor Day. Just a reminder that Community Day is Sept. 27 and will feature pony rides, moon bounce, games & prizes, all emergency personnel, hot dogs, soda & road crew.

Planning Commission Report: The meeting for the month was suspended because there was nothing major to discuss and the majority of the members could not attend.

Police Report: Chief Mohn reported 1,209 service hours; 1,629 miles; 818 gals of fuel; breakdown of calls: 513, of those 11 were criminal incidents, 312 were calls for services, 27 citations were written, 148 traffic warnings and 7 motor vehicle accidents. Also, Halloween will be celebrated on Friday Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and there will be a curfew in affect from Oct. 20 thru Nov. 2 whereby anyone under the age of 18 must be off the streets by 9 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Motion made by Kim Reifsnyder to approve the police report and Trick or Treat night on Oct. 31 & curfew, seconded by Cheryl Johnson. All

Road Foreman Report: Greg Leffler reported that trees were cut up along Reber's Bridge Rd., Sweitzer Rd., & Ruth Ave. Pot holes were patched on township road as well as cutting weeds and brush. Greg & Mike Boyson attended the NIMS 300 Class. And regular cleaning and maintenance was done on building and grounds.

Secretary's Report: Pat Delaney received a letter sent to the Tax Collector, Sandy Davis, from Wilson School District regarding the house on the corner of Green Valley Rd. & Faust Rd. and them wanting a refund on the trash collection fee collected in the spring. If the school district wants this matter resolved, they need to attend the township meeting.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Liz Magovern had one item to report on: The attorney's office received a request for an extension of time for plan approval from Walter Greth for Cacoosing Crossing (on the south side) thru March 31, 2009. Mr. Greth stated in his e-mail that with the real estate market soft, it does not make sense to move forward at this time and he would appreciate the Board's cooperation. This current plan approval runs out Sept. 29, 2008, before the next Supervisor's meeting. The question was asked, "Does the Board have to extend it?" The answer is no. If the Board rejects it, it has to be based on the last review letter. Attorney Magovern stated that the preliminary plan was approved so they have a 5-year grace period. Sometimes with other municipalities the attorney suggests that the builder submit a withdrawal letter and then they have that grace period. That can be done here in Lower Heidelberg or the Board can grant a 30-day extension to the next meeting to have Mr. Greth come to the meeting and explain why he needs an extension until March 30, 2009. Dave Seip made a motion to grant Mr. Greth a 30-day extension so he can come to the next Supervisor's meeting, seconded by Cheryl Johnson. All

Cheryl Johnson had a letter from Meister Architects requesting payment of \$16,589 to Descoco Construction. This bill does not appear to have anything to do with the roof. Motion made by Dave Seip to pay \$16,589 to Descoco Construction, seconded by Kim Reifsnyder. All

At 7:35 p.m. the Board and Solicitor went into Executive Session.

At 8:26 p.m. the meeting was again open to the public.

Mr. Paul Gessemer from Ruth Ave. addressed the Board. He has built a spec house on Ruth Ave. and is requesting to hook up to the sewer line. Joe Neidert approved the building permit and now the home is ready to tap into sewer line, tapping into the Wernersville interceptor. The original house had a system that was not functional. Dave Seip asked that the Environmental Office draft a letter requesting paper work from Wernersville regarding 222 Ruth Ave. Kim Reifsnyder made a motion to have Wernersville submit in writing that Mr. Gessemer can tap into interceptor, seconded by Cheryl Johnson. All

At 8:45 p.m. Dave Seip made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim Reifsnyder.

Patricia A. Delaney  
Township Secretary/Treasurer

