BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, – 6:30 PM Community Room, Heidelberg, PA 15106



The October 14, 2014, Heidelberg Borough Council Workshop Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, at the Heidelberg Borough Community Room, 1639 East Railroad Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Richard Pattinato.

Roll Call:

President Pattinato Present Vice President Nolan Present Councilman DeBar Present Councilman Duda Present Councilman Jordan Present Mayor LaSota Present Manager Kauer Present Solicitor Colangelo Present

Chief Barkley Absent – On Patrol

Public Comment – (Agenda Items)

There were no citizens who had public comment regarding the Agenda items.

The following items were generally discussed, no action was taken:

1. Administration and Finance

- **a.** 2014 Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association Contribution 2014 State Aid, Pass-Thru to HVFD Relief Association: \$7,445.12. It was agreed to place this item on the Agenda for consideration.
- b. Allegheny County Southwest Tax Collection District, delegate appointments to the Committee: Current Delegate = Joe Kauer, Alternate = Raymond Losego, consider appointing new delegates to the TCC. It was agreed to place this item on the Agenda, seeking interest from Ted Gazda to serve as the delegate, Rick Pattinato and Joe Kauer as the Alternate Members.
- c. Appointments to Various Boards / Commissions (terms to end in 2014) consider action to reappoint:
 - i. Planning Commission, to end 12/31/2014: Dawn Cindric (4 Year Term), Ken LaSota (2 Year Term), Mary Anne Morgan (4 Year Term)
 - ii. Nuisance Property Appeals Board, term ended 8/17/2014: Dawn Cindric Council directed the Manager to see if the members would be interested in being reappointed to their respective boards.
- **d.** Insurance Package Renewal: \$22,108, review of cost factors. Vice President Nolan expressed dissatisfaction with the Insurance Broker's lack of early notice regarding the policy renewals.

2. Police / Fire / Public Safety

a. James B. McIntyre Police Evidence Room, Mayor to present proclamation to Chief McIntyre at the October 21st Meeting and dedicate the Police Evidence Room in his name.

b. Patrolmen:

- i. Part-time Officers: Advertisement ran with the guidance of the Mayor seeking part-time Police Officer applicants
 - 1. Mayor appointed Bradley E. Geary as a Part-Time Officer, consider formal action to hire. It was agreed to place this item on the Agenda for consideration.

ii: Full-time Officers: Seek authorization to conduct the necessary Civil Service Testing to compose a new Hiring Eligibility List. HPD currently has one full-time roster vacancy. It was agreed to place this item on the Agenda for consideration.

3. Parks / Recreation

a. Ellsworth Avenue Playground Project

- i. Borough received approval from PA DCNR to proceed with the Project as designed
- ii. Consider action to finalize plans (revisions require PA DCNR approval) and put the project out to bid. Council contemplated multiple other design concepts. They directed the Manager to contact the Engineer to prepare two additional designs, one relocating the backstop to the Ellsworth southwest corner of the playground and another concept relocating the playground equipment to the northeast area of the site.

4. Code / Planning

- a. Ordinance No. 616 an Ordinance that would require renewal of a Rental Operating License upon the change of tenants / or every 2 years (multiple versions). (Jordan) With lack of interest from a majority of Council, no action was taken.
- b. Conditional Use Permit consider enacting permit / application fee. Review of neighboring municipalities fees for Conditional Use Permit. Council discussed multiple fee structures, and it was agreed to place this item on the Agenda for consideration at \$200 / residential, \$300 / commercial.
- **c.** Regulating Mini-Cell Towers correspondence received from Dan Cohen, Cohen Law Group (discussion) It was agreed to have the solicitor investigate this matter.
- **d.** Occupancy Permit Fees consider action to increase the fee from \$50 to \$65 for residential Occupancy Permit. It was agreed to place this item on the Agenda for consideration.

5. Community Redevelopment

a. Business District Holiday Banners - \$1,434.06 and Christmas Lights for Street Poles. Review of banner proofs. Council decided on two holiday banner designs, directed the Manager to proceed with the order.

The Borough Manager reviewed the following correspondence and notable items:

- Minutes: September 9 and 16, 2014 Council Meetings
- Oktoberfest Report
- Howard Hanna Children's Hospital Free Care Fund Fundraiser

PUBLIC COMMENT – (General items)

Councilman Duda made a request that the minutes reflect in the future the nature of one's absence, such as a Councilman was absent due to work, illness, vacation, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Council recessed to an executive session at 8:40PM to discuss a legal issue, they reconvened at 8:50PM.

Council President Pattinato adjourned the meeting at 8:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer, Borough Manager