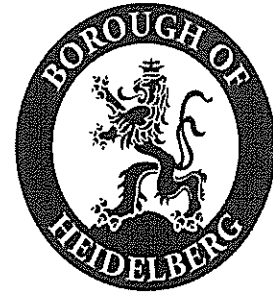


**BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 21, 2014, – 7:00 PM  
Community Room, Heidelberg, PA 15106



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The October 2014 Heidelberg Borough Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, in 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	<i>Absent</i>
Councilman Duda	Present
Councilman Jordan	Present
Mayor LaSota	Present
Manager Kauer	Present
Solicitor Colangelo	Present
Chief Barkley	Present

**Recognitions:** Mayoral Proclamation dedicating the JAMES B. MCINTYRE Police Evidence Room – a brief dedication ceremony was immediately held within the Heidelberg Police Station recognizing retired Chief McIntyre.

**Ratify and pass the minutes** from the September 9, 2014 and September 16, 2014 Council Meetings. Motion was made by Vice President Nolan, seconded by Councilman Duda to accept the minutes; motion carried unanimously.

**Motion to acknowledge receipt of the October 2014 Borough Treasurer’s report** was made by Councilman Duda, seconded by Vice President Nolan; motion carried unanimously.

**Motion to approve and pay the bills** was made by Vice President Nolan, seconded by Councilman Duda. Roll call vote was taken: DUDA – YES, JORDAN – YES, NOLAN – YES, PATTINATO – YES; motion carried.

**Public Comment – (Agenda Items Only)**

There was no public comment regarding the Agenda items.

**Borough Manager’s Report**

The Borough Manager reported that much effort has been made drafting the proposed 2015 Budget based on the recommendations received from Council, Mayor and the Departments. Draft budget packets will be ready by Friday, 10/24/2014. Budget Workshop Meetings are to be held on October 28 and November 4, 6PM at the Borough Building.

**Solicitor’s Report**

The Solicitor reported that he submitted a written activity report to Council and would answer any questions. He also stated that he has reviewed the zoning opinion of the Zoning Officer regarding the Heidelberg Apartments project. The Solicitor requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to review a legal matter.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor LaSota reported summary police statistics for the period September 1 through September 30, 2014. In this period, the Heidelberg Police responded to 47 calls for service and collected \$750.21 in fines.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, he attended a meeting of the Chartiers Valley Education Foundation; the CVED at this meeting awarded three teacher mini-grants.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, he represented the Borough at a 10 year anniversary Memorial Service in Carnegie commemorating the flooding of Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, he attended an informational meeting offered by the Allegheny County Health Department at Ohio Valley Hospital.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, he attended the Chartiers Valley Education Foundation Meeting that was held at the High School.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, he swore into office part-time Patrolman Brad Geary. He stated that Patrolman Geary has over six years of experience working as a police officer in Beaver County.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, he attended a meeting of the Heidelberg Planning Commission; meeting topic was relative to pets and animals.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, attended meetings of the Allegheny Land Trust.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, he attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser of the Southwest Communities Chamber of Commerce.

## **Chief of Police's Report**

Chief Barkley reported that the Department has two candidates that they would like to hire as part-time police officers. Both have experience as a municipal police officer. One candidate, Brad Geary has been sworn in by the Mayor and is for Council's consideration tonight. The Chief also reported that Civil Service Testing is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the County Police Academy.

Lastly, the Police Chief reported that the Department's policies and records relative to juvenile offenders have been recently audited by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. He stated that the HPD received a favorable audit with no violations or findings.

**Old Business:** None.

## **New Business:**

Motion to authorize the disbursement of \$7,445.12 to the Heidelberg Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association was made by Vice President Nolan, seconded by Councilman Duda. President Pattinato stated that the disbursement represents the 2014 allocation from the Commonwealth to the Relief Association. Roll call vote was taken: DUDA – YES, JORDAN – YES, NOLAN – YES, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried.

Motion to hire Bradley E. Geary as a Part-Time Police Officer was made by Vice President Nolan, seconded by Councilman Jordan. Roll call vote was taken: DUDA – YES, JORDAN – YES, NOLAN – YES, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Civil Service Commission to conduct Police Hiring Eligibility Testing was made by Councilman Duda, seconded by Vice President Nolan. Roll call vote was taken: DUDA – YES, JORDAN – YES, NOLAN – YES, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 9-2014, a Resolution of the Borough of Heidelberg, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing a general schedule of fees, costs, charges and expenses pursuant to the Heidelberg Code of Ordinances and repealing any and all Resolutions inconsistent therewith. Motion was made by Councilman Duda, seconded by Councilman Jordan; President Pattinato commented that this Resolution amends the fee schedule to allow for Conditional Use Permit Fees of \$200 – Residential, \$300 – Commercial, and amends the Residential Occupancy Permit fee to \$65. Roll call vote was taken: DUDA – YES, JORDAN – YES, NOLAN – NO, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried, 3-1.

Motion to appoint Ted Gazda as the Delegate, and Rick Pattinato and Joe Kauer as the Alternate Delegates to the Allegheny County Southwest Tax Collection District Committee was made by Vice President Nolan, seconded by Councilman Duda; motion carried unanimously.

The Borough Manager also presented two new items for Council to discuss and consider. The first being insurance of the streetscape amenities (light poles, electric controller, benches, posts, etc.) along Route 50; he stated that the insurance agent has determined a value of \$249,000.00 for these new Borough assets. To add them to the insurance policy to protect them from damage caused by vehicle would cost \$389 per year. Council was unanimous in agreement to insure the streetscape amenities.

Secondly, he reported that he was approached by PENNDOT to consider plowing the section of Route 50 from the Borough Line at Hope Hollow Road / Carothers Avenue to Boden Avenue in Scott Township. This represents an additional 0.74 lane mile segment of roadway that would compensate the Borough approximately \$2,000 per year to take care of by means of winter maintenance. Council directed the Manager to negotiate a one year base agreement to see if we can test the additional roadway, reevaluate it in the spring 2015 and to ask the Public Works crew if this addition is manageable to maintain. If both caveats are met, Council directed the Manager to proceed with a contract amendment with PENNDOT for winter maintenance on state roads.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **SHACOG**

Vice President Nolan reported that she attended the recent meeting that was held at Upper St. Clair Township. She stated that the COG has accepted the bid for the Grant Avenue Paving Project and that there has been a great deal of conversation regarding the recent rock salt contract price of approximately \$80/ton.

President Pattinato reported that he attended the October meeting of SHACOG that was held in Pleasant Hills Borough. He stated that the Pennsylvania Auditor General gave a presentation at the COG meeting and that discussion continued about the rock salt contract. He stated that 30 states are affected currently by a salt supply shortage.

Mayor LaSota commended President Pattinato and Vice President Nolan for getting the Grant Avenue Paving Project funding moving forward.

## ROADS

Councilman Jordan reported that the Public Works has been active with the following projects:

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- Grass Cutting of municipal lots, parks and right of ways
- Oktoberfest Setup, Breakdown
- Street sweeping was conducted on September 25<sup>th</sup> in preparation of Oktoberfest
  
- Sewer Repairs:
  - Grant Avenue Sewer Liner was installed at the dead-end of Grant on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Street restoration was completed in the 1900 Block of Washington Street from the sewer repairs that were made in that area over the summer months.
  - CCTV Inspection was conducted last week by State Pipe Inspectors, over 3,000 feet of sanitary line was televised and the film has been turned over to the Borough Engineer.
  
- Old DPW Garage Restoration Project:
  - Electrical connection between the garage and Borough Building has been repaired and new lights have been installed within the garage.

Councilman Jordan also reported that the burning bushes have been planted in Loupurex Park this week by the streetscape contractor and that Columbia Gas Company has restored the many sidewalk openings on Garfield Avenue.

## RECREATION

Vice President Nolan reported on the following items:

- Comfort Station Awning has been purchased by the Recreation Committee and installed by the Public Works
- New tables have been bought for the Community Room and a Refrigerator for the Comfort Station using Park funds.
- November 3 and 4 Snapology Camp Registrations currently being accepted
- Oktoberfest was a big success. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the event possible.
- Oktoberfest Raffle winner was John Sypien; he donated \$100 back to the Recreation Fund.
- Monthly Seniors was conducted on Thursday, 10/16 at the Community Room
- Halloween Parade and Party – Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Parade start is 12:30 from the Ellsworth Avenue Playground to the Firehouse.

Vice President Nolan also reported that she attended the recent design meeting of the Chartiers Valley School District regarding their proposed planned renovations to the High School and Middle School.

## FLOOD CONTROL

President Pattinato reported that there have been no meetings of the Flood Control Authority.

He also reported that the Manager is working with PENNDOT to secure approval to paint under the bridge a water depth gauge that would work in concert with the creek gauge in Carnegie. The gauge would help determining emergency responses in threat of a flood.

Lastly, President Pattinato stated that the Borough has processed three Military Banners of citizens who were Killed in Action. Through funds remaining in the Special Project Fund, these banners have been paid for by the Borough as a token of our appreciation for their sacrifice.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

No Report.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Councilman Jordan reported on the code items for the past month. He reported on the permits issued since last council meeting:

- Occupancy Permits – 2
- Zoning Permits – 4
- Building Permits - 3
- Ordinance Violation Notices Sent Out – 11 (3 for high grass issues, 2 for expired vehicles, 5 for trash issues and 1 regarding a general property maintenance complaint)

He also reported that Collier Foundation applied a third treatment of dust suppressant on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he reported that a formal checklist for the home owner for Occupancy Permit Inspection, a new checklist for the inspector and an improved permit application has been developed to standardize and improve the Occupancy Permit Process. The Borough's Property Maintenance Code has also been posted on the Borough's website as a reference for citizens.

#### COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT

Mayor LaSota reported on sales of the Military Recognition Banners - currently 56 banners have been sold recognizing our community's service members.

Secondly, in regards to the Streetscape Project, he stated that the contractor has completed a number of the punch-list items including: topsoil dressing, reseeding of disturbed areas and planting of the additional landscaping.

#### **Public Comment (General)**

**Mr. David Morgan, 554 Grant Avenue**, addressed Council regarding a number of recent burning complaints on Grant Avenue where residents have been burning trash and brush. Police Chief Barkley stated that he will provide the violators with the County's burning Ordinance as to a guide on what can and cannot be burnt.

**Good of the Order:** Councilman Duda thanked Councilman Jordan and Manager Kauer for their recent efforts to standardize and improve the Occupancy Inspection process.

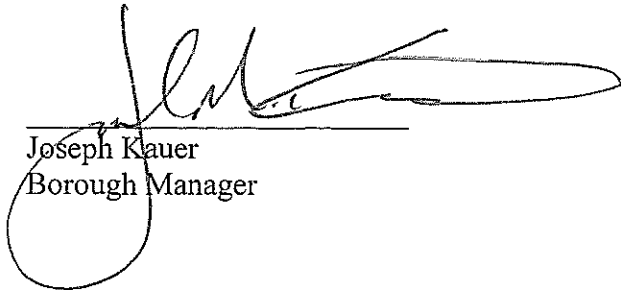
Mayor LaSota declared Trick or Treat in Heidelberg for Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM.

President Pattinato thanked the Recreation Committee and the numerous volunteers and officials for making the 2014 Oktoberfest a success.

**Executive Session:** Council recessed to an Executive Session at 8:15PM to discuss a legal issue. They reconvened at 8:25PM, no action was taken.

**President Pattinato declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager