BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidelberg Council met on January 16, 2024, at the Community Room, 1639 E. Railroad St. Heidelberg, Pa. President Duda called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance followed with Mr. Jones offering a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	**Also Present:**
John Duda, President	Ken LaSota, Mayor
Raymond Losego, VP	
Charles Jones, Councilman	
Dorothy McCartney, Councilwoman	**Absent: Solicitor Murray**
Richard Pattinato, Councilman	

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing was held on the proposed demolition of properties in the Borough: 671 Grant, 616 Grant, 531 Grant, 543 Grant and 675 Hogans Way.

Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Dixon presented evidence regarding the condition of the properties considered for Demolition.

No members of the public addressed Council on this matter.

Mr. Pattinato made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP:

Discussions were held on the following items.

1. Resolution 03-2023 setting the 2024 Wage rates for the Heidelberg Police Department.

2. Resolution 04-2023 setting the 2024 Wage rates for the Heidelberg Public Works Department.

3. Resolution 05-2023 setting the 2024 Wage rates for the Heidelberg Police Chief.

4. Advertisement of the Ordinance regarding Short Term Rentals in the Borough.

5. Appointment of Linda O'Leary as alternate to the Civil Service Board.

6. Hiring of a full-time Patrol Officer for the Heidelberg Police Department.

7. End Council pre-meeting workshop.

COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOTION:

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Losego, to approve the December 19, 2023, Council meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the re-organization meeting minutes of January 2, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Motion:
Mr. Pattinato made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCartney to ratify the action of payment of the December 2023 invoices, General Fund $37,303.46, and payroll $31,831.35, Liquid Fuels $3,567.80, Sewer $68.36, and Rental $2,257.15.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pattinato made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCartney, to approve payment of the January 2024 invoices, General Fund $36.020.12, and Sewer Fund $76,341.26 and Liquid Fuel $259.01.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato, to approve Resolution 03-2023 setting the 2024 wage rates for the Heidelberg Police Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Losego, to approve Resolution 04-2023 setting the 2024 wage rates for the Heidelberg Public Works Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato, to approve Resolution 05-2023 setting the 2024 wage rates for the Heidelberg Police Chief.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to advertise ordinance for Short Term Rentals in Heidelberg Borough.

Motion Tabled

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato to appoint Linda O'Leary as alternate for Civil Service Board.

President Duda abstained, VP Losego-yes, Councilman Jones-yes, Councilman Pattinato-yes, Councilwoman McCartney-yes.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to hire Brandy Harcha as a full time Patrol Office for the Heidelberg Police Department contingent on approval from MPOETC.

Motion carried unanimously.

B: ROADS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. Jones reported:
On 12/19/23 – roads and walks salted.

Exhaust fan installed in Public Works Garage.
Mark Turnbull completed the required testing for Pesticide License.
Pressure washed and undercoated Dump truck.
Leaf pick-up completed.
Painted road signs.
Cleaned Community Room.
Removed Christmas Lights from Ellsworth Park.
Removed Christmas Lights from Rt. 50.

C: PLAN AND ZONING

No report.

D: RECREATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Ms. McCartney reported:
The website has been updated.
The Community Clean-up Day will be April 20, 2024.
Recreation Committee is in the process of planning events for 2024.
The Recreation Committee meeting will be held Tuesday February 6, 2024.

E: PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Pollak announced that the HVFD will be holding a dance on February 17, 2024, with the Mansfield 5.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duda reported that he is using an email chain to keep all Council Members and the Mayor updated.

SOLICITOR REPORT

No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor LaSota reported on the summary police statistics covering the period of December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. During that time, the Department received 245 calls for service, of which 30 were reportable incidents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lottie Hunt thanked Chief Dennis Dixon for having street light bulbs replaced.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Losego made a motion seconded by Ms. McCartney to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.