BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY JUNE 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidelberg Council met on May 21, 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:

John Duda, President

Raymond Losego, VP

Charles Jones, Councilman

Dorothy McCartney, Councilwoman

Also Present:

Ken LaSota, Mayor

Solicitor Murray

ABSENT: Richard Pattinato, Councilman

Executive Session – 6:30 PM

Executive Session Concluded – 7:34 PM

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP:

Discussions were held on the following items.

1. Industry Way Property – Keller Williams; McKnight Realty Proposal

Mayor LaSota commented:

Industry Way Property-Keller Williams; McKnight Realty Proposal. Mayor LaSota offered that the development of the property represents a generational opportunity for the Borough. The property, adjacent to the Heidelberg Park, is the largest piece of borough owned, undeveloped land and to continue to utilize it merely as a short-term revenue generator through an industrial storage lease arrangement may not be in the best interest of the borough. LaSota asserts that incorporating the land into the adjacent Heidelberg Park may well provide more overall value to the borough, in terms of quality of life enhancements for the residents, than any dollars generated by a

storage lease arrangement may afford. Moreover, expansion of the Borough's recreational facilities may well, in and of themselves, generate additional dollars for the borough through augmented park rentals and other opportunities. Lastly, incorporating the land into the Heidelberg Park would also act to raise the property value of the borough homes adjacent to the property, reduce the truck traffic and improve safety on Industry Way, eliminate the adverse environmental and nuisance effects of fugitive dust on neighboring properties, and overall, act to make Heidelberg a safer, healthier and more pleasant community.

2. Discuss imposing fines to homeowners after they receive a second warning of property maintenance.
3. Resolution No. 2024-02 requesting GROW Program Grant.
4. Sale of vacant lot owned by the Borough of Heidelberg on Lincoln next to 243 Hogans Way.
5. Advertisement of Ordinance for Short Term Rentals.
6. Discuss Recycling Options

End Council Pre-Meeting Workshop.

COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOTION:

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by VP Losego, to approve the May 21, 2024, Council meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve payment of the May invoices, General Fund $34,289.90 and Payroll $32,453.02, Liquid Fuels $2,897.86, Sewer Fund $8,352.17, Rental Fund $1,447.91 and Recreation $417.79.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by VP Losego to approve payment of the June 2024 Invoices from General Fund $14,616.44 and Sewer Fund $14,532.48.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by VP Losego to approve Keller Williams as Realtor for 600 Industry Way. Mr. Jones and P Losego voted yes. President Duda and Ms. McCartney voted no. Mayor LaSota as tie breaker voted no.

Motion Denied

Motion to approve permission for a Grocery Store at 409 1st Street.

Motion Tabled

Motion to approve fines to homeowners after their second warning of property maintenance.

Motion Tabled

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by VP Losego to approve Resolution No. 2024-02 requesting a Grow Grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve sale of vacant lot owned by the Borough for property located on Lincoln next to Hogans Way.

Motion Tabled

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by VP Losego to approve advertisement of Ordinance for Short Term Rental.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve recycling option.

Motion Tabled

B: ROADS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. Jones reported:
Open park & restrooms daily

SHACOG Sewer Cleaning – Traffic Control
Cut Grass weekly at Parks
Clean Park supplies for Memorial Day
Pickup & return Memorial Day supplies
Clean up Garbage on Rt 50 Grassy Area
Service Lawn Mower
Spray for weeds
Put up posters
Clean Boro Building & Police Building
Cut Grass Hillside
Service Community Room
Change Filters for A/C Systems

C: PLAN AND ZONING

No report.

D: RECREATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Summer Family Fun nights start this week on Friday June 21 at 6PM at Heidelberg Park, Industry Way. Other Family Fun nights are scheduled for Friday July 19 and Friday August 16. Rain dates are scheduled for the following Fridays. Weather delay dates will be posted by 4 PM day of the event on Facebook.
First ASL Class is being held on Tuesday July 9th at 6:30 PM at the Heidelberg Community Room. Please RSVP to me at 412-780-4537 or via email at dmccartney@heidelbergborough.org by July 8th.

E: PUBLIC SAFETY

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

SOLICITOR REPORT

No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor LaSota reported on the summary police statistics covering the period of May 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024. During that time, the Department received 258 calls for service, of which 54 were reportable incidents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

ADJOURNMENT:

VP. Losego made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.