BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidelberg Council met on August 20, 2024, at the Community Room, 1639 E. Railroad St. Heidelberg, Pa. President Duda called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Jones offered a prayer.

ROLL CALL

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

Public Hearing: Public hearing – 409 1st Street Conditional Use

Bethany Sidun made public comment regarding Conditional Use

Edward Patton – Patton Engineering addressed Council:

- No additional outdoor lighting will be installed
- Fireplaces on 2nd floor will be enclosed
- Basement will not be used (but will be cleaned out)
- 2nd floor will only have electricity (no other utilities)
- Indoor stairs will be removed - entry to 2nd floor and basement will be outside stairs only
- No indoor dining – take out only
- Hours will be Monday – Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
- Vegetative buffers will be on property to conceal dumpster area, and along the south and west sides of the parking lot to serve as a border.
- Parking lot will be resurfaced
- Deliveries will be made through front door
- No games of skill or chance will be on property
- Construction will be during normal daylight hours

Solicitor Murray stated the Vote on Conditional Use will be at Council Meeting held on September 17, 2024, and a written statement will be provided to Applicant and Engineer.

Public hearing adjourned at 6:55 PM

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP CONVENED AT 7:00 PM

Discussions were held on the following items.

1. Adoption of MMO for 2025.
2. Right-to-know policy.
3. Police contract for 2025 through 2027.
4. Closing of First Street October 5, 2024, for Fall Festival.

End Council Pre-Meeting Workshop.

COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOTION:

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by VP Losego, to approve the July 16, 2024, Council meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Mr. Pattinato made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCartney, to approve payment of the July 2024 invoices, General Fund $28,062.64 and Payroll $37,023.03, Liquid Fuels $2,962.49, Sewer Fund $94,794.48, Rental Fund $2,341.04 and Recreation $371.93.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato, to approve payment of the August 2024 Invoices from General Fund $18,616.26, Sewer Fund $1,688.75.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve permission for a Grocery Store at 409 1st Street Heidelberg PA 15106.

Motion Tabled

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Vice President Losego to approve 2025 MMO in amount of $20,463.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Vice President Losego to accept and approve the negotiated Police Contract for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Losego made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato to approve Right-to-know policy

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pattinato made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCartney, to approve closure of First Street between Walnut and West Railroad on October 5, 2024, for Fall Festival.

Motion carried unanimously.

B: ROADS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. Jones Reported:
Summer Helpers have completed their service.
Open Park & restrooms daily
Grass Cutting
Clean Community room
Cleaned up Sunbelt property, cut trees, etc.
Trapped 2 Racoons
Support Plumber during Backflow inspections.
Painting Crosswalks in Borough
Replace sign on Madison

C: PLAN AND ZONING

No Planning report. Ms. McCartney stated that signs need to be posted at park to deter people from feeding the Geese.

D: RECREATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Ms. McCartney thanked the Volunteers for their help with Family Night.
Next Community event will be Halloween.

There are 2 ASL classes remaining August 27 and Sept 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Community Room.
The Recreation Committee meets 1st Tuesday of every month at the Community Room.

E: PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief reported that Fall Fest is being held on October 5, 2024.
Mr. Pattinato stated school starts on Thursday August 22, 2024, and asked everyone to practice safety in the Community.
Ms. McCartney attended SHACOG meeting: Discussion was done regarding Waste Management and also Blighted Properties.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Losego stated Waste Management would supply a cardboard recycle container in the Borough for $171.00 per month with a weekly pickup.

OLD BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duda stated that Council will select the Budget Meeting dates for the 2025 Budget.

SOLICITOR REPORT

No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor LaSota reported on the summary police statistics covering the period of July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024. During that time, the Department received 314 calls for service, of which 75 were reportable incidents.
Mayor LaSota reported that the year-to-date fines from the Police Department are $1,406.24.
Mayor LaSota stated that the MMO amount for the Police Pension is $20,463.00 and will be fully funded with no cost to the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

ADJOURNMENT:

VP. Losego made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.