BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidelberg Council met on November 19, 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:

John Duda, President

Raymond Losego, VP

Dorothy McCartney, Councilwoman

Charles Jones, Councilman

Richard Pattinato, Councilman

Also Present:

Ken LaSota, Mayor (Via Phone)

Solicitor Murray

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

Discussions were held on the following items.

1. Paving on Ellsworth
2. ADA Ramp Concurrence Resolution
3. Copiers Borough Office and Police Department - purchase price of $11,326.00.
4. Civil service to start process for hiring police officer.
5. Christmas Gift Cards (last year was $100.00.
6. Demotion of Homes to begin approximately November 26, 2024.
7. Alcosan rate increases for 2025 – water usage 7% increase – wastewater treatment - $0.78 cent increase per 1000 gallons used
   and quarterly flat rate customer service charge will be increased $1.64 per bill issued.
8. Snake/rodent inspection on scheduled demolition properties at $85.00 per home.

End Council Pre-Meeting Workshop.

COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING:

MOTION:

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the October 15, 2024, Council meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Vice President Losego made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve payment of the October 2024 invoices, General Fund $27,401.44 and Payroll $32,685.84, Liquid Fuels $2,491.04 Sewer Fund $86,210.38 Rental Fund $1878.32 and Recreation $482.85.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato, to approve payment of the November 2024 Invoices from General Fund $28,850.39, Sewer Fund $65,683.46.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Ms. McCartney to ratify ReMax Realty to represent the Borough in Leasing 600 Industry Way.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Vice President Losego, to approve Budget for year of 2025.
Roll Call: Mr. Jones-yes, Vice President Losego-yes, Ms. McCartney-yes, President Duda-no, Mr. Pattinato–no.

Motion carried.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Vice President Losego to approve Tax Ordinance #650 for tax increase to 9.45 mills effective January 1, 2025.
Roll Call: Mr. Jones-yes, Vice President Losego-yes, Ms. McCartney-yes, President Duda-no, Mr. Pattinato-no.

Motion carried.

Vice President Losego made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to accept El Grande Industries as low bidder for paving project on Ellsworth Avenue
In the amount of $44,420.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Losego made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to award contract to El Grande Industries in the amount of $44,420.00 for paving
project on Ellsworth Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pattinato made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCartney to approve Concurrence Resolution for ADA Ramps.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCartney to approve the purchase of Copiers for the Borough Office and the Police Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCartney to approve Civil Service to begin the process of hiring a full-time police officer.
Roll Call: Mr. Jones-yes, Vice President Losego-yes, Ms. McCartney-yes, President Duda-yes, Mr. Pattinato-no.

Motion Carried.

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve Christmas Gift Cards for Borough Employees in the amount of $100.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCartney to accept Alcosan rate increase for 2025 – water usage 7% increase –
Wastewater treatment - $.78 cent increase per 1000 gallons used and quarterly flat rate customer service charge increase of $1.64 per bill issued.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve Snake/Rodent inspection for the demolition properties at a cost of $85 per home.

Roll Call: Mr. Jones-yes, Vice President Losego-yes, President Duda-yes, Ms. McCartney-yes, Mr. Pattinato-no.

Motion Carried.

B: ROADS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. Jones Reported:
Clean Community room
Trash was removed throughout the Borough
Trucks were inspected and serviced for winter.
Sign Posted under Rt. 50 bridge – No Loitering
Borough Lights for Christmas installed on Rt. 50.
Christmas Banners installed.
Cleaned leaves from Sewer Drains and curbs.
Winterized property at 600 Industry Way.
Installed electrical bulbs on Route 50.
Changed Clock to standard time on Route 50.

C: PLAN AND ZONING

No Planning report.

D: RECREATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

First Night will be held on Saturday December 7, 2024, at the Ellsworth Playground from 6 pm to 8 pm.
No Recreation meeting will be held in January, to resume regular schedule starting in February.

E: PUBLIC SAFETY

Heidelberg Fire Department will have a craft show on December 1, 2024, from 9 am – 3 pm.
Santa will be traveling through the neighborhood on Sunday December 15, 2024.

F. SHACOG

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Losego reported that the Borough received notice from Jordan Tax Service that Walgreens appealed their property assessment, and the Borough will owe them a rebate for 2022 and 2023 in the amount of approximately $22,000.00 for each year. Solicitor Murray explained the appeal process.

OLD BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duda thanked Mr. Jones and Vice President Losego for their time spent and efforts in the ongoing pavement project in the Borough.

SOLICITOR REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor LaSota reported on the summary police statistics covering the period of October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. During that time, the Department received 219 calls for service, of which 28 were reportable incidents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Duda wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving".

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Losego made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.