BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidelberg Council met on January 21, 2025, 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:

Kennneth LaSota, Mayor

Solicitor Murray - Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

Discussions were held on the following items.

1. Discussed rental property rent increase.
2. Discussed Guardrail 2nd St & Railroad St.
3. Discussed Billboard on Collier Avenue
4. Discussed 2024 Profit & Loss Statement

End Council Pre-Meeting Workshop.

COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING:

MOTION:

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Vice President Losego, to approve the December 17, 2024, Council meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Mr. Pattinato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve payment of the December 2024 invoices, General Fund $93,638.99 and Payroll $34,789.39, Liquid Fuels $2,830.92, Sewer Fund $85,745.38, Rental Fund $2,151.88.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Pattinato to approve payment of the January 2025 Invoices from General Fund $20,732.58, Sewer Fund $79,294.84, Rental Fund $13.28.

Motion carried unanimously.

B: ROADS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. Jones Reported:

Supervised Demolition of several blighted and condemned houses in the Borough.
Cleaned Heidelberg Banners.
Emptied Garage Bins in Borough.
Cleaned Community Room.
Cleaned leaves from Sewers.
Repaired Backhoe.
Repaired Furnace on 2nd Floor at 1639 E. Railroad Street.
Plow and Salted Roads.
Washed and repaired Borough trucks.
Removed and salted sidewalks from Borough properties.

C: PLAN AND ZONING

No Report

D: RECREATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Recreation meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month starting February 2025 in the Community Room at 6:00 PM.

Updating the Website for all Events for 2025.
Volunteers needed.

E: PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Pattinato reminded everyone to check their Smoke Detectors.
Fire Chief Pollak reported that the Heidelberg Fire Department responded to 55 Calls during 2024.
Fire Chief Pollak announced that Purse Bingo would be held at the Fire Department on February 8, 2025.

F. SHACOG

Heidelberg Borough will host the April 2025 SHACOG meeting at the Community room.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jones requested an explanation of why he was excluded from the interviews for a Public Works employee.
President Duda stated that he set the Committee for the interview process, which included himself and Mr. Pattinato.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

SOLICITOR REPORT
No report

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor LaSota reported on the summary police statistics covering the period of December 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. During that time, the Department received 332 calls for service, of which 50 were reportable incidents.
Mayor LaSota requested the Council to administratively move Officer Harcha from full-time probationary status to full-time non-probationary status with appropriate adjustments to her pay and benefit status.

Vice President Losego made a motion, seconded by President Duda, to administratively move Officer Harcha to non-probationary status.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident of 420 4th Street inquired if it is a property maintenance violation for a neighbor's leaves blowing onto her property.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Council entered executive session at 7:28 PM.
Council exited executive session at 8:20 PM

MOTION:

Ms. McCartney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato, to hire Ryan Pollak as a full-time Public Works employee.

ROLL CALL:

Vice President Losego – Yes, Ms. McCartney – Yes, Mr. Pattinato – Yes, President Duda – Yes, Mr. Jones – No.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President made a motion seconded by Mr. Pattinato to adjourn the meeting at 8.25 PM.