

**BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
January 10, 2017**

The Council of Heidelberg, Pennsylvania, held a Workshop Meeting at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at the Municipal Community Room, 1639 E. Railroad Street, Heidelberg, PA 15106. Council President Carrie Nolan called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Nolan called the roll. Present were Councilor's Rick Jordan, Ray Losego, Rick Pattinato, Dave Morgan and Carrie Nolan. Also present were Mayor Kenneth LaSota, Manager Harry Faulk, and Solicitor Anthony Colangelo.

AJ Schwartz from Environmental Planning and Design discussed with Council the comparisons of the mixed used ordinance versus the commercial district ordinance and states that the requirements in the mixed use overlay can be placed into the commercial district ordinance. A copy of his presentation can be found in the Borough Office.

Council President Nolan stated that Mara Dowdy will come to the next Council meeting to discuss a proposal from Town Center Associates'. President Nolan commented that Council is taking proactive approaches to bring business into Heidelberg.

New Business

Manager Faulk states that the tenant moved out of the property of 1643 E. Railroad street and provided Council with a list of recommended upgrades with a budget of \$9,500.00 along with increasing the rent to \$850.00 per month and the money spent on renovations will be recouped within eleven months. Council can also choose to sell the property and the money can be used to pay down the loan or have the money placed in the Capital Fund. Councilman Pattinato asked when did the tenant move out? Manager Faulk replied last month. President Nolan would like to have the hookups for the washer and dryer moved to the first floor utility room. Councilman Jordan requests to have an itemized list of all the repairs and upgrades to determine if the property should be sold or kept. Manager Faulk also states that the boiler is over twenty years old.

Manager Faulk presented to Council a draft of a five-year capital improvement plan showing what funds to consolidate to create roughly \$80,000 and can be funded either through sale of capital assets such as the sale of the municipal building. The Mayor provided Council with a quote from Woltz & Wind Ford, trading in two police vehicles and one public works vehicle and purchase a new police vehicle and a public works vehicle. Mayor LaSota states that the Impala is a regular vehicle that was purchased off the lot. Councilman Pattinato commented that we have focused on the Police Department the past few years, and what have we done for the fire department? President Nolan commented that it is not the Police Departments fault, however cannot justify purchasing another police vehicle. Manager Faulk recommends to Council to replace the public works vehicle.

Council President Nolan, Mayor LaSota, and Manager Faulk expressed interest in attending the Allegheny County Borough's Association Annual Banquet.

Old Business

Manager Faulk provided Council with three quotes for the eight-foot whirl for Ellsworth Playground with all three including installation. Mr. Ferris was in the office today to advise that the lights were ordered and will have lights placed at Ellsworth and lights replaced at Heidelberg Park. Ken Earnest from DNCR did state that we have a good chance of receiving an additional \$30,000 with the installation of the whirl. Manager Faulk will also check with the Engineers for their approval of all whirls.

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Manager Faulk provided to Council a comparison of the compensation of tax collectors from other municipalities that have a comparable budget to Heidelberg. Baldwin Township compensates their tax collector a flat fee of \$5,000 once the first \$100,000 is collected. Councilman Losego would like to see what other tax collectors are collecting for duplicates and tax certs. Solicitor Colangelo commented that the max compensation that the tax collector can receive is 5%. President Nolan stated that we must have an elected tax collector. President Nolan also commented that this is a serious matter and action will have to be taken within the next month.

Public Comment

Walpurga Allen, 1707 Washington Street, Heidelberg, PA – Mrs. Allen asked what is the status of the Heidelway Bar. Manager Faulk states that the Treasury Department has a hold on the property and the Borough cannot do anything yet with it. Mayor LaSota commented that there is a structure in Glendale that Scott Township is going to spend money to place a fence around it so that no one can get injured.

Motion made by Councilman Losego and seconded by Vice President Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Harry R. Faulk, Manager