

**BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidelberg Council met on June 21, 2022 at the Community Room, 1639 E. Railroad St. Heidelberg, Pa. President Losego called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance followed with Mr. Jones offering a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Ray Losego, President

Richard Pattinato, VP

Dave Morgan, Councilman

Dorothy McCartney, Councilwoman

Charles Jones, Councilman

Also Present:

Ken LaSota, Mayor

P.J. Murray, Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Duda, 623 Lincoln – commented on installing Parking Kiosks on Route 50.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council held Executive Session on motion to approve settlement of \$20,000.00 in the case of Thompson vs Heidelberg Borough. Mr. Pattinato made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll Call vote:

Council Morgan – Yes – Councilman Pattinato – Yes – Councilwoman McCartney -Yes – Councilman Jones – Yes- President Losego – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the May 10, 2022 workshop minutes. Ken LaSota noted that in the minutes regarding the petition of the Poultry ordinance he was not commenting as Mayor but as a private citizen. Minutes to be corrected.

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the May 17, 2022 Council meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Motion:

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato to ratify the action of payment of the May 2022 invoices, General Fund \$81,136.22 and payroll \$29619.25, Liquid Fuels \$2,922.28, Sewer \$69,858.45, Rental \$1,718.15 and Recreation 186.68.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve payment of the May 2022 invoices, General Fund \$37,659.76 , Sewer Fund \$32,766.95.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan to adopt Resolution 07-22 Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pattinato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the closure of First Street on September 24, 2022, for the Fall Festival being held by the HVFD – closure will be made all day.

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the closure of Long Way between Collier and Madison on July 4, 2022, for an outdoor event being held by the residents.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve Gabriella Testa's employment status from Probationary Police Officer to Temporary Police officer.

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the purchase and installation of a Meyer Industrial 8.6 snowplow in the amount of \$7,340.00.

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattinato to approve the 2022 Pavement Contract for Oak Way from Washington St to Washington St, Virgin Street from Long Street to Hayes Street and Industry Way along Park Parking Area. Low Bidder is El Grande Industries
Oak Way from Washington Street - \$107,550.25, Virgin St. from Long St. to Hayes St - \$22,734.75, Industry Way along Park Parking Area - \$25,063.50.

Motion carried unanimously

Discussion regarding installing parking meter station in the Borough – President Losego stated that the approximate cost of each station is \$5,000 and that the Borough would have to hire someone to police them.

Discussion of purchasing a TV Liquidator for the use of advertising – Mr. Jones will meet with a few companies to get price and present it to council for further consideration.

Discussion of rental of games purchased by the Recreation Committee – President Losego suggested Councilwoman McCartney draw up a plan for further discussion.

B. ROADS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

No report

C. PLAN AND ZONING

No report.

D. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

No report.

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, 2022, through May 31, 2022. During that time, the Department received 309 calls for service, of which 32 were reportable incidents.

Mayor LaSota reported that he attended the annual conference of PA State Assoc. of Boroughs in Hershey. While there he attended a seminar that reviewed PA SR-146 which is a potential bill to significantly raise the legal liability limits for boroughs involved in litigations. Mayor reported he met with a vendor that provides billing services for boroughs who could provide a billing program for Heidelberg that would incorporate the current residential water bill and Alcosan bills. He was awarded the PSAB Carol Sambol Award for "25 years of faith and effective service to a municipality in Pennsylvania". Mayor LaSota also attended the Allegheny County Boroughs Assoc. meeting in Munhall on 6/2/22. Presented at the meeting were informational overviews of the Allegheny County Blighted Property Program and the TriCOG Land Bank Program. Both programs could be utilized by Heidelberg to obtain and ameliorate blighted properties within the Borough.

Mayor informed Council that he will be attending the Pennsylvania State Mayor Assoc. in Lancaster from 7/23/22 to 7/27/22.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Mikus expressed his concern on people not stopping at the stop signs in the Borough and suggested that the Police should increase their presence at the stop locations.

Ray Losego proposed that Second Street become one way heading east at the corner of Route 50 as visibility is limited when turning on to Route 50 from Second Street.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing was offered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM.