

**Lower Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors
BOS Minutes – Virtual Meeting - Meeting
December 7, 2020**

The Lower Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors held a meeting remotely through the Zoom Platform on the above date. The December 7, 2020 meeting was duly advertised to be held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet. Present were Chairman Michael Keltz, Vice-Chairwoman Deborah P. Scull, Member Cheryl Johnson, Township Solicitors Andy Bellwoar and Chris Gerber, and Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Pamela J. Stevens. Also present were Guests David Kurtz, Robert Melson, and Paul Prutzman.

The following meeting minutes were provided by the Township Solicitors Andy Bellwoar and Chris Gerber at the request of Ms. Stevens to maintain the integrity of the meeting minutes.

Mr. Bellwoar opened the meeting and announced that the meeting was duly advertised and that we conducted Executive Sessions on December 3, 2020 and December 7, 2020, and discussed personnel issues. He then asked Mr. Keltz to lead the pledge. Mr. Keltz asked all to stand and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thereafter, Mr. Bellwoar advised that the Chief of Police Tom Deiterich tendered a letter dated December 7, 2020 advising of his resignation effective December 8, 2020. Supervisor Mr. Keltz **made a motion** which was seconded by Ms. Scull to accept the resignation dated December 7, 2020 as submitted by Police Chief Thomas Deiterich, effective December 8, 2020, with Detective Sgt. Chris Stouch to remain as the officer in charge of the Police Department until further action is taken by the Board.

Following discussion by the Board and questions from the public, all three supervisors by roll call voted in favor in accepting the resignation.

Paul Prutzman, Robert Melson and David Kurtz attended the meeting. Mr. Melson had inquired how many sworn officers were employed by the Township and how many were actually working. He stated that an FBI crime report indicated the need for nine (9) police officers and one (1) civilian employee in the police department. Mr. Keltz stated that there are two (2) police officers presently off. Ms. Stevens stated that there are eleven (11) employed with one secretary. With the resignation of the Chief, it would make it ten (10) police officers. Mr. Melson noted the Township's newsletter wherein it was indicated that the Township had planned to hire additional personnel. Ms. Stevens stated that the Township hired two new officers in February of 2020 and that they serve in a one-year probationary period. Stevens further stated that there are Police department supervisors on each Platoon and one is a Corporal who supervises one platoon and a sergeant who supervises another platoon.

Mr. Melson inquired whether there is a plan to conduct a search for a new Chief of Police. The Board indicated there is no such plan at the moment.

Mr. Keltz **made a motion to adjourn**, which was concurred in by Ms. Johnson and Ms. Scull. This concluded the meeting, which adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully, Pamela J. Stevens, Manager Secretary Treasurer

BOS Approved
1/18/2021