**REGULAR MEETING**

**July 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Wes Thomason. Vice Chairman Jason Phillips and Mike Weigand were also present with Chairman Thomason presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith.

Trey Elrod, Gordon Brown, and Associates; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Jerry Shank, Planning Commission; Troy Starner, Rodney Hollabaugh, Rigoberto Quizon, Jeff and Luanne Megonnell, Kim Weigand, Vernon Grier, Gary Myers, Kevin Holtzinger, Barbara Smith, and Patricia & Emmert Hartzell Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive session after June 17, 2024 from 7:55 pm until 8:25 pm (litigation, pending litigation, personnel)

Letters were sent to PennDOT and Torren Ecker’s office concerning Hampton Circle accidents with request for safety improvements.

Joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on the draft amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for utility solar use is scheduled for August 15th at 6:30 to be held at the Hampton Fire Hall/Community Center

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 3, 2024, Joint Meeting were approved on a motion by Supervisor Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the June 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved on a motion by Vice Chairman Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rodney Hollabaugh stated the joint solar meeting should be advertised to make people aware of it. It is advertised in the Gettysburg Times, the township website and posted on the door.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**SALD#2023-06**

**Hampton Heights Phase VI Final Subdivision Plan- Last Revised 3/6/24**

**Parcel# 36K07-0023A---000**

**East Berlin, PA 17316**

**BOS Action Deadline: 8/31/24**

***-Modification §22-503*** *Curbing- motion made by PC to recommend approval 06/03/24.*

*Request to have slant curbing instead of vertical curbing.*

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to approve Modification §22-503 to have slant curbing instead of vertical, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried.

***-Modification §22-403.B.*** *Street Width- motion made by PC to recommend approval 06/03/24*

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to approve Modification §22-403.B street width of 28” wide and not 32” per ordinance, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

***-Modification §22-360.A.13*** *Contour Intervals- motion made by PC to recommend approval 06/03/24*

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to approve Modification §22-360.A.13 to have 2’ contours instead of 1’ per ordinance, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

***-Modification §22-501.A.*** *Monument Requirements- motion made by PC to recommend approval 06/03/24*

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to approve Modification §22-501.a. monument requirements requesting 2 monuments, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried.

***-Modification §22-502.A.*** *Street Construction Standards- motion made by PC to recommend approval 06/03/24*

Vice Chairman made a motion to approve Modification §22-502.a proposing a four-and-a-half-inch road width and the geotechnical justification must be submitted, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

***-Waiver §22-405(1)(C).3*** *Access Drives- motion made by PC to recommend approval 06/03/24*

Mr. Elrod suggested holding this modification until Phase VII plan.

**Chesterfield Phase 2**

**Lot #27 Driveway-Driveway Ordinance number §21-217.1.c**

The Driveway Ordinance requires a slope of no more than 7%. Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to approve the waiver of the width condition of the driveway with a slope of 15-16% with a foundation as built be submitted to avoid this happening in the future. Also, case divert water with proper gutter and downspout placement, second by Vice Chairman Thomason. Supervisor Weigand opposed.

***Waiver §22-405.1.D*** **Slope of driveway**

Motion made by Vice Chairman Phillips to approve the waiver of Lot #27 only the width condition of the driveway with a slope of 15-16% and to recommend approval with the conditions that in the future DRB will implement wall inspections & in this case divert water with proper gutter and downspout placement and submit a foundation as built plan, second by Chairman Thomason. Supervisor Wiegand opposed.

**Starner & Starner Properties**

**Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan (last revised: 12/17/23)**

**SALD# 2023-07**

**Parcel # 36J09-0024D-000/36J09-0024C-000**

**385 & 360 Dicks Dam Rd.**

**New Oxford, PA 17350**

**Request for Zoning Ordinance amendment to provide for estate planning for agricultural lots.**

The Board of Supervisors recommends amendments to the Zoning Ordinance previously proposed by ACOPD as recited in Andrew Merkel’s letter dated June 3, 2024 (Numbers 1 and 2) and the Solicitor’s recommendation for a single agriculture use (inclusive of dwelling as an accessory use)

**business matters**

**Schedule budget meeting**

The first budget workshop is scheduled for August 12th, 2024 at 9:00 am.

**Award bid for Roof top AC units for Hampton Community Center**

Supervisor Weigand made a motion to reject the previous bids and put it out for a rebid with a list of what is to be bid so they stay compatible, second by Vice Chaiman Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

**Advertise for bids to upgrade the Magistrates Office**

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to advertise for bids to upgrade Magistrates Office and to have a preconstruction building on August 12,2024, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion passed unanimously.

**Advertise bids for loader**

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to approve the bid advertisement for the loader with the reserve of $17,500.00, second by Supervisor Weigand; Morion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION**

**Adopt Resolution to amend RTK policy**

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to amend the Right to Resolution, second by Supervisor Weigand the number will be 2024-18, motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of June were approved pending audit on a motion by Vice Chairman Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s report for June

State Fund MM $392,720.03

ARPA Fund $276,691.95

General Fund: $282,739.02

Total Income $98,978.41

Total Expenses $93,492.06

Net Income $5,486.35

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

The Board acknowledged receiving reports from the Police, Public Works, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, Emergency Management and Northeast Adams Fire & EMS, and Heidlersburg Fire Company.

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to accept the Administrative Reports as presented, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Attorney Smith reviewed case law and legislative updates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Myers asked if the water study results for Mr. Holtzinger’s property has been received yet. Mr. Holtzinger responded that the water study is not complete yet. He also wanted to know if Mr. Holtzinger paid the $30,000.00 escrow money yet. Ms. Beard said he has not.

Jeff Megonnell stated he thinks the township is going back in cost with all the waivers for Hampton Heights. Chairman Thomason stated they are just trying to keep everything consistent.

Kevin Holtzinger asked the Board once Phase V in Hampton Heights is complete and they start Phase VI, could the Board ask them to use Phase VI to bring the construction equipment in.

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:22 pm on a motion by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer