**REGULAR MEETING**

**September 16, 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; Jerry Shank, Donald Godfrey, Planning Commission; Jeff and Luanne Megonnell, Kim Weigand, Gary Myers, Kevin Holtzinger, Patricia Morrow, George Wolf, Gary Myers, Kris Robinson, Tayler Althouse, Don Godfrey, April Murphy, and homeowners of 196 Jessica Dr.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Budget workshop held August 26, 2024

**MINUTES**

Minutes from August 15, 2024, Joint Meeting were approved with correction, on a motion by Supervisor Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the August 19, 2024, Regular Board of Supervisor meeting were approved on a motion by Vice Chairman Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Thomason stated the public comment portion at the end of last month’s meeting got out of hand. He stated the public comment section is for comments only not questions and answers.

Homeowners of 196 Jessica Drive would like the handicapped sidewalk in front of their home to be fixed. Mr. Elrod stated he did not approve of the as built plans the sidewalk was installed incorrectly and it is a tripping hazard. Mr. Elrod will work with the builders to correct this. If nothing is done it will be brought back to the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Attorney Smith stated the board cannot take action on the subject because it is not on the agenda. She also stated if it comes back to next month’s meeting to have photographs.

Donald Godfrey commended the Police Department on solving some thefts that were occurring in the township. Mr. Godfrey also stated the code enforcement officer does not return phone calls or respond back in a timely manner.

Luanne Megonnell stated she does give the police department flack, and she does appreciate what they do, but they could do a lot more speed enforcement.

Vice Chairman Phillips stated Trick or Treat will be October 23, 2024, per resolution stating the fourth Wednesday of October is when it will be held.

**open bids**

**Open bids and award bid for addition to Magistrate offices.**

Kinsley Construction-$344,181.00

ECI Construction-$466,456.00

Chairman Thomason made a motion to reject both bids, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**Hampton Heights Phase VI SALD 2023-06**

**Lexington Land Developers review period extension request**

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to approve the review period extension request for 30 days, November 30, 2024, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

Evelyn Mark Plan

SALD #2023-05

Kris Raubenstine with Hanover Land Services, Inc. Representing the waiver request.

Mr. Raubenstine would like the Board to consider a waiver request for widening Wolf Road. Mr. Elrod submitted Hanover Land Services a fee in lieu of widening the road in the amount of $86,603.00. Mr. Raubenstine stated there are no new improvements or uses associated with the Ms. Mark’s subdivision and he believes improvement of an existing roadway or a fee in lieu thereof are justified. There cannot be action taken at this meeting because the waiver is not on the agenda. It will be placed on the October agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Approve advertising the 2025 Budget for public inspection**

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to approve advertising of the 2025 budget for public inspection, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

Treasurer’s report for July

State Fund MM $395,799.66

ARPA Fund $277,539.19

General Fund: $257,234.18

Total Income $206,250.85

Total Expenses $ 96,329.87

Net Income $109,920.98

**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.

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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Holtzinger Land Use Appeal-Attorney Smith stated the merits of the land use appeal will be addressed by council for each party in the form of a written brief, written argument. It appears from the order that the judges at this point are not inclined to make an oral comment but that could change.

Attorney Smith helped the staff in sub-divisions and other matters. She passed some information from the Office of Open Records to the Right to Know Officer, Kimberly Beard.

Sections of the SALDO are to be updated as issues come up that are concerns from the administration and legal standpoints. An issue that has come up is road classification. There are none in the SALDO for township roads. Attorney Smith advised the Board that this needs to be addressed with the Township Engineer and a Transportation Engineer.

The advertisement for a public hearing for the solar amendment will be on the October agenda for the Board of Supervisors with the public hearing being held at the November meeting.

The ARPA funds must be spent or assigned to a project by December 31, 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Holtzinger asked if there was ever a grant completed for the recycling Trailer. Ms. Beard stated there has been and we should receive an answer at the end of September as to if we will be receiving any funds.

Jeff Megonnell stated he has been retired for about 8 years but when he was working his boss would walk by and Mr. Megonnell said, “Hey Roger I pressed 480 pieces today”. His comment back would be “that’s what we expect from you.” Chairman Thomason stated he understands.

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:55 pm on a motion by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer