

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:04 pm by Kevin Holtzinger, Chairman. Marcia Weaver, Vice-Chairperson and Gary Sauble, Supervisor were present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor, Malone & Neubaum; Eric Mains, Engineer, Gannett Fleming; Gary Bullock, Emergency Management Coordinator; Officer in Charge Bill Ceravola; Jason Grim and Kim Dissinger, Public Works Department; John Beise and Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Anthony Phillips and Emmert Hartzell Hampton Fire Company; Nancy Stimer, Township Auditor; Clark Craumer representing Jeffrey & Mary Ann Toot Sub-division plan; George Wolf, Amy Grim, Pauline Brodbeck, Richard Schmoyer, Jeff and Mary Ann Toot and Jacqueline King.

Chairman Holtzinger led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Holtzinger called the Board to meet in executive session to obtain legal council regarding the proposed budget. He convened the meeting at 6:17 pm.

The minutes of the November 20, 2017 regular meeting were approved with a correction on a motion by Mr. Sauble, second by Ms. Weaver, motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Holtzinger thanked all the candidates for their interest in the vacant position of Township Supervisor. After review and consideration, the Board agreed to appoint Gary Sauble to complete the remainder of Donald Kauffman's term of office.

The Board met on the following dates:

December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm with Public Works and Police Department for negotiations of the Collective Bargaining Contract.

December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with Company32 to discuss merger of Lake Meade Fire & Rescue with East Berlin Fire Co.

December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with Rob Brady, Formally with DCED to discuss Fire Company mergers.

December 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm with Police Department for negotiations of the Collective Bargaining Contract.

December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm with Eric Mains, Township Engineer to discuss Cul-de-sac options on Old Loghouse Road.

December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm for a presentation at the Hampton Fire Company by United Hook and Ladder Fire Company regarding a proposed merger with the Hampton Fire Company.

Chairman Holtzinger stated the Board hired Robert Anderson as a part-time seasonal laborer at the pay rate of \$16.00 an hour without benefits to assist the Public Works Department. His date of hire was December 15, 2017.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Richard Schmoyer, 62 Longstreet Drive, commented on proposed Resolution 2017-21 to prohibit Category 4 Casino's in Reading Township. Mr. Schmoyer stated that all but three municipalities in the county have passed the resolution in opposition of the casinos. Mr. Schmoyer and his wife are opposed to allowing gambling in the Township.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Vacation of a Portion of Old Log House Road**

Mr. Mains provided an update on deed descriptions and legal survey descriptions on the road vacation of Old Log House Road that have been completed. He is currently working on the information for Pentz Road.

### **Old Log House Road Cul-De-Sac**

Mr. Mains is looking at options that make sense for the cul-de-sac and some implications of construction cost as well as liquid fuel money.

### **Laughman's Bottom and Conewago Park Drive Sewer Project**

A letter dated November 29, 2017 was received by DEP asking for an Act 537 Plan update on the status of Laughman's Bottom and Conewago Park Drive. Mr. Mains is working with the Reading Township Municipal Authority to prepare a letter to submit to DEP. He would like to get the letter in the mail this week. Chairman Holtzinger stated he received a phone call from Ms. Cheryl Little. Ms. Little has concerns with the On-Lot Septic Ordinance and Sewer hookup. She currently owns two properties and the one property has been vacant for 7 years. Chairman Holtzinger advised her to come to the Board of Supervisors meeting or the Planning Commission meeting.

### **Hampton Heights Phase III Bonding**

Phase III was conditionally approved in January with one item of establishing the Public Improvement Bonding in the amount of \$177,851.00. This bond would cover wearing course and some of the other site improvements that need completed. Ms. Weaver made a motion to accept the proposed bond in the amount of \$177,851.00 for Phase III Development, Mr. Sauble seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## **SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Jeffrey & Mary Ann Toot Final Subdivision Plan #2017-05**

Mr. Craumer presented an overview of the plan and explained the subdivision/merger of parcels is designed to allow Anthony Road to serve as the dividing line of parcels and eliminate the small tract on the south side of the road. The applicant shall record in the Miscellaneous Docket in

the Recorder of Deeds Office of Adams County a “Lot-Merger Agreement” memorandum for each property owner that parcels shall be considered as one single tract for the purposes of subdivision. Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve and accept the proposed lot merger agreement for plan #2017-05. Mr. Sauble seconded, motion carried unanimously. Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve the final sub-division plan #2017-05 for Jeffrey and Mary Ann Toot when all conditions are met, Mr. Sauble seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2017-18** Establishing and Fixing Tax Levies. Ms. Weaver noted a correction to be made. Ms. Weaver motioned to approve Resolution #2017-18 pending correction, Mr. Sauble seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2017-19** 2018 Annual Budget. Mr. Sauble motioned to approve the Resolution #2017-19 as submitted, Ms. Weaver seconded, motion carried unanimously. Chairman Holtzinger stated the executive session was to discuss the budget and that it may need reopened and revisited. There are some questions concerning the Old Log House Road cul-de sac which may not meet the requirements needed to be funded by the liquid fuels account.

**Resolution 2017-21** Prohibiting the location of Category 4 Casinos within the Township. Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-21, Mr. Holtzinger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Proposed Resolution** in Opposition to House Bill 1620 “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill”. Mr. Holtzinger made a motion to table this resolution to allow Attorney Neubaum to do some research, Mr. Sauble seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust**

#### **Act 44 Disclosure Form**

Motion was made by Ms. Weaver to adopt and post the Municipal Pension Disclosure Statement for 2017 for both the Employee Pension Plan and the Police Pension Plan. Mr. Sauble seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Organization Meeting Date & Time**

The Board is required to hold their annual Organization Meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd. The time of 3:00 pm was established. The Board of Auditors will meet on Wednesday, January 3rd at 2:00 pm. The meetings will be advertised.

### **Appointment of Jack Edmonson and Barbara Smith as Township Auditor Auditors**

Ms. Weaver made a motion to appoint Jack Edmonson and Barbara Smith as Township Auditors, Seconded by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of November was approved pending audit, on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

The Board acknowledged receiving reports from the Police, Public Works, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, Emergency Management, Hampton Fire Company and East Berlin Fire Company for the month of November.

The Board thanked Officer in Charge Bill Ceravola for his professional dedication and service in handling a dangerous situation recently where he sustained personal injury in the line of duty.

The Public Works Department was also recognized and thanked for a job well done on the roads with the recent bad weather.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Neubaum stated that he has all the information needed for the weight limit signs and stop signs to complete the two ordinances.

He also stated he will have the Ordinance for the Vacation of the end portion of Old Log House Road ready for the Planning Commission meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Anthony Philips, 860 Stoney Point Road, thanked the Board for attending the presentation with United Hook and Ladder Fire Company on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He informed the Board there will be another presentation on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00 pm for the members of Hampton Fire Company and he also invited the Board and public to attend.

Emmert Hartzell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm on a motion by Mr. Sauble, seconded by Ms. Weaver, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer