

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 17, 2021**

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 Kevin Holtzinger, Chairman. Vice Chairman Greg Heefner and Jason Phillips were present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith. Virginia Thornton, Gannett Fleming; Gary Bullock, EMC; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Wes Thomason, Jeff Toot, Josh Nelson, Mark Clowney, Rodney and Kelly Hollabaugh and Robin Heyser.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board met on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with PennDOT and Torren Ecker to discuss Rt. 234 and Peepytown Road.

The Board attended the Bermudian little league game on April 24<sup>th</sup> for the opening ceremony.

Chairman Holtzinger and the Public Works Dept. met with PennDOT to discuss the Rt. 234 and Peepytown Road intersection

### **MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 19, 2021 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Toot, Anthony Road, is a candidate for the Supervisor Position in Reading Township. He stated he has no personal agenda. He worked with Penn Township and was the manager for Dover Borough. He oversaw four employee's, was zoning officer handled snow removal and cindering and some road work. He is now self-employed for the past 30 years and is a consultant for wastewater treatment.

Wes Thomason, Stoney Point Road, is also a candidate for the Supervisor Position. He stated he has been married to his wife Beth for 48 years and they are both Navy veterans. While he does not have experience with township business, he feels new eyes going into the position you can see things that others do not see that have been going on for so long they do not realize it is happening.

Chairman Holtzinger and the Board thanked Mr. Toot and Mr. Thomason for the willingness to serve.

Chairman Holtzinger stated himself and the Boards he has served with take their positions very seriously. Public safety being at the top of the list followed by financial responsibilities and are proud they have control of the finances and taxes have not been raised in the past twelve years. The roads have been well maintained and the township has retained and hired quality employees. Chairman Holtzinger stated it is a team effort.

Chairman Holtzinger also stated on the Citizens for Reading Township web page there have been some complaints people can not get in touch with the office staff. Please let a message as the staff may have stepped away from their desk.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Acknowledgement of Correspondence from the LMMA Well #3 Water Treatment Facility**

Based on the five-year projections, and the wastewater and backwash flows generated by this project, the Lake Meade Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Facility does not anticipate any projected hydraulic and organic overload conditions because of this project.

### **Acknowledgement of Hampton Heights Schedule for Phases IV, V and VI**

Mr. Garland with Lexington Land Developers submitted a required projected schedule on April 16, 2021 for Hampton Heights for Phases IV, V and VI.

### **Steve & Christy Clingan & John Winand Jr. & Deborah Winand SALD #2021-03 1290 & 1270 Fish & Game Rd.**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to conditionally approve the plan with the conditions being met stated in the April 30, 2021 letter from Gannett Fleming with modification of number 8 stating no new deed is required and with the removal of number 11, second by Mr. Heefner; motion carried unanimously.

### **Dollar General**

Ms. Thornton stated improvements are being made and the basins are being stabilized. Ms. Thornton will continue to ensure the basins function and meet the requirements of their ES permit.

### **Hampton Heights Phase IV**

Ms. Thornton sent a transmittal from Gannett Fleming to Mr. Garland with Lexington Land Developers, for Hampton Heights Phase IV. Reading Township Public Works Department notified Ms. Thornton of a construction deficiency at the intersection of Heather Lane and Alexis Way. Ms. Thornton requested an intent for remediation for the deficiency to the developer. There is no action for the Board at this time.

## **REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

### **Robin Heyser-EBACC Board President**

Ms. Heyser was present for Board of Supervisors recommendations and consideration for the future of the East Berlin Area Community Center. East Berlin Borough has agreed to turn over the title of the property if and when and inter-governmental authority is created with the partnering boroughs, townships, and municipalities. This will mean the EBACC will no longer be a 501c non-profit organization but a government agency. The surrounding townships, boroughs and municipalities will have to commit to supporting EBACC financially for all future repairs and updates to the building and property if necessary. They have also been offered several options for parcels of land to relocate within five miles of the current location. The Board thanked Ms. Heyser for her service and the commitment to the EBACC. The Board stated Ms. Heyser and EBACC have their support. The Board will submit in writing to Ms. Heyser as to what option they choose.

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **Township Participation in Round 14 of the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program**

Mark Clowney with Farm and Preservation Program was present. Every other year applications are accepted for farm preservation in Adams County. There were three properties in Reading Township. Mr. Clowney explained the process to the Board. The Township can give funding to move a property up the list. The Board will have further discussion on the funding.

### **Adams County SPCA Donation Request**

Chairman Holzinger made a motion to table the request until more information is gathered on the American Rescue Plan Act, second by Mr. Heefner; motion carried unanimously.

### **Ordinance and Zoning Book Prices Currently \$80**

Mr. Heefner made a motion for Ms. Beard to get a cost to recopy the book and a decision will be made at a future meeting on the actual cost, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

### **Community Yardsale**

Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve advertising for the Reading Township Community Yard Sale dates and Lake Meade Exclusion for June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of April was approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

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

Mr. Bullock, EMC, stated he is currently getting prices on magnetic signs and business cards.

Mr. Josh Nelson, Community Life Team, presented the Board with a draft agreement that he has been giving to the townships for emergency services. The Board and Attorney Smith will review the agreement.

Mr. Heefner made a motion to accept the Administrative Reports as presented, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### **American Rescue Plan Act**

Attorney Smith stated there will be money distributed to state and local government in response to the economic recovery of covid 19. It will be distributed in two increments and be based on population. Attorney Smith provided the Board with Interim Final Rule Guidelines as the what the monies can be used for. She reviewed each category. If the monies are not used in a certain time frame it must be returned. When money is received the budget must be amended and a resolution passed.

### **OLDS Ordinance and its Administration**

Attorney Smith stated this is a follow up with the enforcement issue of the citations. The Board should consider amendments to the OLDS Ordinance. The three main points that would be focused on are the following:

1. Clarifying the penalty provision with some amendments to all the communications that go out with respect to the OLDS program specifically on the enforcement side.
2. Provision in DEP regulations that provides for the program DEP expects from all municipalities that is why the ACT 537 was approved which is how you provide for waste in your community. If you inspect and measure the solids in your tank and they do not exceed a certain amount you do not need to do anything more. If it exceeds that standard amount that is when pumping is required. Our Ordinance does not include that option.
3. Appeals are to be taken to the Board of Supervisors as stated in the Ordinance. That is not what is being done. It is not necessary for that to happen.

The Board authorized Attorney Smith to make the discussed amendments.

### **Mowing**

As discussed at a previous meeting the public voiced their opposition to mowing the grass at the circle in Hampton. Attorney Smith questioned the Board as to an Ordinance that would follow the same guidelines as the snow removal ordinance. The Board supported Attorney Smith's request.

### **FCC Telecommunication**

It is in the Supreme Court as to whether the FCC can dictate what the municipalities can charge to place towers in the Township's right of way.

### **Union Contracts**

Attorney Smith stated there is a Union Contract. They are currently debating on whether there must be a separate document that outlines what was agreed to. Attorney Smith feels the contract is the agreement.

### **Fire Damage**

There was a fire damaged property in the township and there was money in an escrow account to clean the property in the event the owner did not. The owner never cleaned the property and Attorney Smith, and the Township did not feel it was right that the owner would get that money since she did not clean it. The money was turned back over to the bank and they can distribute the money as they see fit.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm on a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer