

REGULAR MEETING

March 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:03 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; Ken Scott, Beyond all Boundaries; Brandon Danner, Bermudian Youth Baseball President; Clark Craumer, Jeff and Louanne Megonnell.

Mark Wheeler with Community Media broadcasted the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board and Solicitor met in executive session on March 1st to discuss personnel matters from 8:00 pm to 9:20 pm.

The Board and Solicitor met on March 11th with Wilbur Slothour to discuss On-Lot Septic ordinance enforcement procedures and went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

York Water will be working on the Hampton Alleyways this week.

Chairman Holtzinger attended a EBACC joint municipality meeting on March 9th, 2021. Mr. Phillips participated on zoom.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration and Action on Ordinance-Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Chairman Holtzinger opened the hearing for public comments.

Mr. Megonnell asked the Board if the Ordinance pertains to all Reading Township. Chairman Holtzinger stated that it does.

Chairman Holtzinger closed the public hearing.

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Chairman Holtzinger; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gerald Shank wanted to know if there will be a Spring Cleanup the last weekend of April. Ms. Beard stated the Spring Clean Up will be the first weekend in May.

Brandon Danner, President of Bermudian Youth Baseball, presented \$30,000 worth of improvements needed to the Hampton Ball fields and discussed the agreement he had previously with the Board. \$8,000 will be provided by Bermudian Youth Baseball now, with Reading Township providing the remainder. Bermudian Youth Baseball will repay \$7,000 within the next five years. Attorney Smith will draft Thirty-year agreement. Mr. Danner has a fencing contractor awaiting approval to replace the backstops and dugout fencing. Chairman Holtzinger motioned to approve the agreement, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Bond Release for Phase II

Bond #1184176

Mr. Garland requested a bond release for Hampton Heights Phase II. Ms. Thornton stated she will coordinate with Ms. Beard and Attorney Smith to review the Bond. No action is needed from the Board at this time.

Kevin Holtzinger

SALD #2021-02

Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan

Waiver-preliminary plan

Ken Scott, Beyond All Boundaries, was present representing the Plan. Mr. Scott stated a waiver of the preliminary plan is requested due to the plan being minor in nature. Mr. Heefner made a motion to waive the preliminary plan, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried. Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve the final subdivision plan upon meeting the following conditions.

1. Sections §22-306.A(27) & (28) require that all seals, certifications, and signatures shall be provided on the Plan Set to facilitate recordation of the Final Plan(s).
2. A Sewage Facilities Planning Module must be received, reviewed, and evaluated by PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), as required by Section §22-306 B (10).
3. Payment of Township administrative fees upon receipt of invoice.

Second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried.

Jeffrey & Deborah Seibert

**Final Subdivision Plan
Waiver/Modification Request**

Clark Craumer was present to represent the Seibert Plan. Mr. Craumer is requesting a waiver/modification as listed below.

1. Section §22-403.A requires streets shall be logically related to topography to produce reasonable grades, satisfactory drainage and suitable building sites.
2. Section §22-503 requiring curbs be installed on both sides of any proposed street to be included in a proposed subdivision.

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion not to approve a waiver of Section §22-403.A pertaining to cartway width, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously. Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to grant the waiver of Section §22-503, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

**DEP Report for On Lot Septic
District 3**

There will be an updated report for district 3 for the On Lot Septic Ordinance mailed to DEP.

Attorney Smith stated Land and Sea agreed to enforce the on lot septic violations. The administration staff at the Township office will maintain the charts and will inform Mr. Slothour of any violations. There will be some sections of the OLDS Ordinance that will need to be reviewed. Gannett Fleming supports the administration process, and they receive updated mapping and data from the county.

Ms. Thornton stated she arrived at the Township office before the meeting to review some information with Ms. Beard.

BUSINESS MATTERS

**Action on Ordinance-Snow
Removal from Sidewalks**

Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

**Rezoning Ordinance-continued consideration
and action on Parcel No. 36J07-0024-000
(land Conservation to Moderate Density R-2)**

Mr. Holtzinger recused himself. Mr. Heefner would like to gather more information before making a final decision. There will be a public hearing on the April 19, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

**Public Works Employee hire
(employee resigned)**

The part-time employee, Bob Anderson, will be resigning his position in April. The Board decided to hire a part-time employee to become full-time after a six-month probation period. The position will be advertised. All resumes must be into the office by March 29, 2021.

RTKL Resolution (amending Policy)

Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Annual Planning Commission Report

The Board acknowledged receiving the annual planning commission report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of February 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 & EM, United Hook and Ladder and Adams County Real Estate Market Report.

Chairman Holtzinger thanked the Fire Departments for responding to a tractor fire on his property.

Mr. Bullock would like to see an AED installed in the Township building. Officer stated there currently is one installed in the lunchroom. Mr. Bullock also informed the Board himself and Mr. Shank have divided the township for the EMA calls.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Update on PA recently enacted law updates

Drones are being discussed for the delivery of packages using public streets. They will be allowed to travel on roads with 25 mile per hour or less speed limits unless the roads are considered hazardous. They will be allowed to travel on shoulders and sidewalks also.

People with CDL license have a duty to report any violations they may receive to their employer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Shank questioned the Board as to what is being done at Rutters. They will be replacing the gas pumps.

Mr. Bullock asked about the Goal Post Bar, he stated the whole side is tore out. There is a possibility of an Italian Restaurant and an apartment above the restaurant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm on a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer