

REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2020

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. The meeting was broadcasted on Community Media Channel, on their website and on Community Media Channel Facebook Page,

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Gene Little, Zoning Hearing Board; Raymond Gauker, Community Media; Virginia Thornton, Gannett Fleming; Loanne and Jeff McGonnell, George Wolf and Gary Bullock, EMC Coordinator.

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 18 - Executive session personnel, union matters

Aggregate Bid error was made at the May Board of Supervisors meeting. It was corrected and bidders were notified.

Recycling Trailer is now open

Site work is beginning on Rt. 234 by PennDOT to install flashing lights.

PUBLIC HEARING

Floodplain Management Ordinance- Attorney Smith stated it is required for compliance by Federal and State Laws regulating flood plains.

Chairman Holtzinger opened the hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Holtzinger closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC MEETING

Receipt of public comment on Comcast services and franchise agreement.

Raymond Gauker-Community Media. Mr. Gauker stated he owns property in Reading Township, and he is the President and founder of Community Media. He stated the Board has the capability of going to Comcast and asking them to rectify the signal. The signal for the Peg channel should equal the quality of the major carriers and it does not. Mr. Gauker is requesting that the Board asks Comcast to correct it at their cost. Mr. Gauker also stated some of the townships are keeping a percentage of the franchise fee and giving the rest to

the Peg channel. He is asking the Board to consider doing the same. He stated the funding is what keeps Community Media going. Mr. Gauker thanked the Board for letting them be involved in the government.

Chairman Holtzinger also read an email from Jim and Darla Border stating they live on Church Road a mile away from the township building and they can not receive cable. They would like to see Comcast provide service to Church Road.

Chairman Holtzinger stated Jason Grim, public works, also lives on Lake Meade Road, and does not receive cable.

Attorney Smith stated the township may want to request service maps from Comcast. However, they are very strict about giving the maps to anyone. They would also not be aloud to be viewed by the public.

Chairman Holtzinger closed the public meeting.

MINUTES

May 18, 2020 Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved with correction on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Magonnell stated his concerns for the traffic in the alley's in Hampton with the construction detour. Mr. Magonnell stated it is a one lane alley and traffic is going both ways. LouAnne Magonnell stated she is concerned with someone getting hurt with baseball season starting.

Mr. Heefner is going to contact the police officers and have them issue more citations in hopes that people will start abiding by the rules.

Gene Little is requesting the Board choose an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Hampton Fire House Final Subdivision

Hampton Fire Company Final Subdivision DEP Planning Module Non-Building Waiver was signed by Chairman Holtzinger. Attorney Smith stated the Plan is now in the staff and engineers' hands.

Randy Black Plan Final Subdivision Plan

Planning Commission recommended conditional Approval

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to give conditional approval with the following conditions from the Engineers report dated May 6, 2020 being met:

1. Sections §22-306.A(27) & (28) requires 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 should be received, reviewed, and evaluated by PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), as required by Section §22-306(10), for the proposed on lot septic system. We will defer to the Township and its Sewage Enforcement Officer to process as appropriate.
3. We recommend that a Lot Merger Agreement be prepared and executed for the 0.46 acres Lot 3 to the existing Lot 2 to ensure that they become an integral, non-separable tract of land following this subdivision. A sample of a typical agreement can be provided by our office as requested.

Second by Mr. Heefner; motion carried unanimously.

Church Road Projects-sign agreements

Mr. Phillips made a motion to authorize Chairman Holtzinger to sign the Church Road Project agreement, Mr. Heefner second; motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Recycling Trailer

Mr. Phillips stated he will work with public works to gather more information to replace the current recycling trailer. Mr. Heefner made a motion to table the recycling trailer discussion until the July 20, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Regular Office Hours

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the office staff has been working remotely and alternating schedules. The office was also closed to the public. Mr. Heefner suggested the office staff return to work at their regular schedule and open the office to the public but putting a sign on the door recommending masks. The Board agreed.

Community Yard Sale and Spring Clean Up

The Community Yard Sale will be held on June 26th and 27th, 2020 beginning at 8:00 am. Spring Clean Up will be held on July 18th or 25th. Ms. Beard will contact Neiderer's Disposal to see if any of those dates will work for them.

Zoning Hearing Board Alternate

Two names were presented as possible Zoning Hearing Board Alternates, Roy Brodbeck and Ron Beck. The Board appointed Roy Brodbeck as the Alternate.

ORDINANCES

Floodplain Management Ordinance

Mr. Heefner made a motion to enact the Floodplain Management Ordinance 2020-08, with corrections to take effect June 22, 2020, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of May were 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, and Northeast Adams Fire & EMS for the month of May. The Board also received a Pension Audit Report, and Annual Audit and Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2019.

Mr. Phillips thanked the Public Works department for the work they have done after the storm the week before.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Weaver, Old Log House Road Deed of Dedication

Attorney Smith stated she spoke to the Weavers. They would like feel more comfortable with an easement agreement. Attorney Smith is working on the easement agreement. Ms. Weaver also stated on their deed it does say Old Loghouse Lane not Road.

Lot Merger Agreement

Attorney Smith stated Reading Township currently uses a Lot Merger Agreement which she was not comfortable with. She presented the Board with a draft of the agreement that she prepared and felt it should be used since it is a legal document. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the new Lot Merger Agreement moving forward, Mr. Heefner second; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Holtzinger questioned Attorney Smith if she gathered any information on the burning that was taking place in the Township which was discussed at the May 18th Board of Supervisors. Attorney Smith stated she did contact various agencies and they would have to be notified while the burning is taking place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Magonnell questioned the Board as to why there is confusion on Old Loghouse Road or Lane. Attorney Smith stated there are some agencies stating on their records it is Lane and some other agencies have Road.

Mr. Heefner requested public opinion on the streaming of meetings since the Covid-19 virus. Ms. Magonnell stated it was good, but she likes the face to face meetings.

Mr. Phillips stated he received an email from Jackie King on May 14th that she has been walking along some roads in the Township picking up trash. She stated she gathered 53 kitchen bags of trash. She would like the Township to suggest a program to help clean up the Township. The Supervisors thanked her for her work in helping to clean the township.

The Board thanked Community Media for covering the Board of Supervisors meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm on a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer