

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 18, 2022**

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 Kevin Holtzinger. Vice Chairman Wes Thomason and Jason Phillips were also present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith. Kevin Fox, Gannett Fleming; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Jerry Shank, Planning Commission; James Graham, Code Enforcement Officer, Jen Goldhahn, Jason Mleczo, Isreal Eby, Rodney Hollabaugh, Tim Spangler, Larry Goldhahn, Ken Legore, Jeff, and Luanne Megonnell.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Supervisors met to interview candidates for the Public Works Position

Spring Clean- up scheduled for April 23rd

May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Make a Wish Convoy

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the March 21, 2022, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN TAR AND CHIP BIDS**

The Board received one bid for tar and chip. The bid came from Russell Standard in the amount of \$211,735.17. Mr. Phillips made a motion to award the bid to Russell Standard, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN CULVERT PIPE REPLACEMENT BID**

There were no bids received for this project. It will be rebid for May's Board of Supervisor meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Megonnell stated he seen the article in Gettysburg time concerning the speeding in Hampton Heights. He stated he was glad someone else was stepping up about the speeding in the township. Officer Ceravola stated the citations have doubled in the

past two months. He said the speeding device is not user friendly when it comes to downloading the reports on the computer to print out.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Chesterfield: Phase 1**

#### **Sidewalks and driveway aprons construction**

The sidewalks in Chesterfield do not meet the Township Ordinance rules and is unacceptable. The welded wire fabric for the sidewalks is on the ground instead of being within the concrete sidewalk.

Mr. Spangler, Beaver Creek Construction, supplies pictures and a letter from TSI Testing Services, Inc. who inspected the welded wire fabric placement in sidewalks and driveway aprons. According to the test, the welded wire fabric is located mostly in the bottom half of the slabs. The letter also stated ranging from one half to two inches from the bottom. There are areas where the welded wire fabric is not in the concrete. This occurs where it comes out of the concrete, goes under the expansion joint and then back up into the concrete. This happens within approximately six inches of either side of the expansion joint. Mr. Spangler stated he can submit a letter of credit or give a ten-year warranty on the work.

The Board would like to see the drawings from TSI Testing Services, Inc. of where the test was actually performed. Mr. Fox would like Mr. Spangler to tear a slab out so they can see if it actually was done correctly. The Board will wait to see the drawings.

### **60 Natures Way**

Mr. Fox stated the stormwater will be redirected a different way and there will be drawings submitted in the future.

### **Chesterfield Phase 2**

Adams County Conservation contacted Mr. Fox to let him know there are issues with the storm water drainage. It is not making it into storm drains. The contractor is going to address that.

### **Hampton Heights**

Mr. Fox contacted the developer to schedule a meeting concerning storm water concerns. He has not heard back from them. Attorney Smith advised Mr. Fox to send a letter stating a specific time and place the meeting will be held and not give an option for them to pick a date. The Board requested Mr. Fox reach out to the developer again.

### **32 Pleasanton Drive**

Mr. Fox was notified of a complaint of water coming onto 36 Pleasanton Drive property from 32 Pleasanton Drive. Mr. Fox stated there is a concern and it involves other properties as well. Mr. Fox would like to get together with the homeowners to produce a solution. The Board approved the meeting.

### **Dollar General**

Mr. Fox stated the developers will be visiting the Dollar General to look at the storm water basins.

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **BLG Construction, LLC-Support letter for expansion of York Water Company**

York water would like Reading Township to provide a letter of support of the proposed service area expansion for The York Water Company to provide water service the parcel at 70 Peepytown Road. Chairman Holtzinger recused himself from the discussion. Mr. Phillips made a motion to authorize Attorney Smith to prepare a letter of support from Reading Township and allow Mr. Thomason to sign with a letter sent to BLG and upon receipt of recusal letter from Chairman Holtzinger, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried.

### **Police Body Cam and Mobile video Policy**

Officer Ceravola requested to put this on hold. He has not had time to work on the document. He did state however he may need a new computer to be able to store all the information from the devices. Attorney Smith stated this kind of information will not be available through a Right to Know Request.

### **Hampton Heights Speed Control**

Officer Ceravola stated he placed the speed device on Kimberly Lane northbound towards route 234 for five or six days and did get some speeders. Mr. Mleczo stated he thinks if there were cross walks painted crossing the roads people speeding would slow down. Officer Ceravola stated he is having difficulty finding someone to paint the lines on the roads so they can clock people. Mr. Phillips told Officer Ceravola to contact D.E. Gemmill.

### **Proposed amendments Zoning Ordinance sign regulations - consider and refer to public hearing**

Attorney Smith reviewed some of the changes that were made in the Ordinance. This was tabled at the March Supervisors meeting to get any input from the residents concerning the changes. None were received. Ms. Goldhahn questioned Attorney Smith as to why there was a decrease to the size of a sign that was in the Ordinance and why there is a limit to two signs. Attorney Smith stated there were all kinds of regulations for all types of signs of non-commercial signs. The US Supreme Court said that the township cannot regulate by that cut. This Ordinance says they do not need a zoning permit if they keep these standards. The Board can change the limit and size you can have without a zoning permit if they would like. Mr. Hollabaugh stated he feels like this is an infringement on his rights on his private

property. He can understand something obnoxious or something that has been up for a couple of years, but political signs, whether you agree or not, are on private property. Ms. Goldhahn stated they are not part of an HOA and that is why they did not want the restrictions and now they are on rural land, and we are being restricted. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion to table the referral to public hearing and to hold a public meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to receive public comment, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance section 27-604, Area, and bulk regulations  
and Section 27-1302 concerning fences-discussion and action**

Mr. Legore recently applied for a permit to install a privacy fence. After reading the Ordinance the zoning officer considered his property to have two front yards and would not allow the Mr. Legore to install a six-foot fence. Mr. Phillips made a motion to amend Ordinance section 27-1302 A to permit six-foot fence on all sides except for the street address side of the lawn and refer to public hearing, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States  
Semi quincentennial**

This Resolution is to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States in 2026. Mr. Phillips made a motion to authorize Chairman Holtzinger to sign US Semi quincentennial celebration resolution, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Re-open agenda to allow emergency addition  
For disposition of ARPA Funds that was  
Posted the day of the meeting from the Department of the Treasury**

The agenda was re-opened to discuss an emergency issue concerning the ARPA funds.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of March were approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; 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 as well the township audit report. James Graham, Code Enforcement Officer, questioned the Board as to how they would like to proceed with the violation of the nuisance order on Conewago Drive.

The Board advised Mr. Graham to take the next step with the violation which is in most cases to place a hanger on the property owner's door to correct the violation.

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

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

#### **Reading Investors Application for Variance (Shemon Properties)**

Attorney Smith stated Shemon Property Variance will be discussed in Executive Session.

#### **American Rescue Act Funds**

Attorney Smith stated the Department of Treasury issued another ruling today allowing the ARPA funds to be put in the general fund and be used as general funds. The money does not need to be kept in a separate account marked for ARPA funds. She also recommended checking the standard allowance box when filing the report that is due by April 30, 2022. Mr. Phillips made a motion to take the allocation of standard allowance for revenue loss category and authorize the report, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

#### **Legislative and caselaw update**

Attorney Smith reviewed the legislative and caselaw updates.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Megonnell stated as far as Bill's Police report with the breakdown between him and Greg, I hope the Board heard what he heard.

Mr. Thomason stated when someone wants to file a complaint, they need to follow the policy that is in place.

Mr. Phillips mentioned seeing a gentleman picking up trash along the road and he stopped and thanked him.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm on a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thomason; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer