

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 16, 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; Jason Grim, Justin Diehl, Public Works; Jen Goldhahn, Tim Spangler, George Wolf, Rod & Deb Garling, and Sarah Kipp.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

April 18<sup>th</sup> the Board held an executive session on personnel and Reading Investors variance application from 9:25 pm – 10:20 pm.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Chairman Holtzinger, Mr. Thomason, Attorney Smith, Mr. Fox, and office staff met to discuss the fee schedule.

May 12<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting was held to discuss the Zoning Ordinance amendments to sign regulations and receive public comment.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 18, 2022, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting were approved with corrections on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN CULVERT PIPE REPLACEMENT BID**

There was one bid received from EK Services, Inc. in the amount of \$52,725.00. Mr. Phillips made a motion to award the bid to EK Services, Inc., second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Beaver Concrete Construction-Chesterfield sidewalks**

Mr. Fox provided the Board with emails and drawings between himself and Mr. Spangler.

The welded wire fabric for the sidewalks is on the ground instead of being within the concrete sidewalk. There were three aprons that were affected by this. Mr. Spangler agreed to provide a 10-year warranty to the three properties affected. Mr. Spangler will write a draft warranty for Attorney Smith's review.

### **Acknowledgement of Hampton Heights Phasing Schedule**

The Board acknowledged receiving The Hampton Heights Phasing Schedule for Phases I-VI.

### **General Dollar Store**

Mr. Fox and the developer will be meeting on site on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 pm to discuss storm water basins. Rusty Ryan is also scheduled to attend.

### **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. There was no NPDES permit. Mr. Fox will reach out to the property owners with some dates to meet and discuss the issue possibly within a month.

Chairman Holtzinger spoke to a resident who lives in the Chesterfield Development. The Post Office is requiring the development to use Cluster Mailboxes. Chairman Holtzinger stated the residents are going to have difficulty getting to their mailboxes because of the ditch located by the mailboxes. Mr. Fox is going to take pictures and address the problem.

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **Deb Garling-1695 East Berlin Road Speeding concern**

Ms. Garling is concerned with the speeding on East Berlin Road between Rutters and Round Hill Road. She contacted PennDOT and was told the Municipality would need to write a letter to PennDOT before they can move forward with any speed study. Mr. Fox is going to write the letter.

### **Amend Resolution 2018-19 and related application forms**

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to table the amendment to the resolution until the June meeting, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried.

### **The use of the Township building in November For elections**

Ms. Beard stated the Hampton Fire Company can no longer be used as a polling location after the May election due to a mold issue in the building. Voter's registration inquired about using the township office, however it would not be big enough to house all the people. Mr. Phillips would like to hold off on making any

decisions until he investigates the mold issue. He thinks the problem may not be as bad as what people are saying it is.

**Approve Chamberlin and Wingert to be placed on the On-Lot Septic Haulers List**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve Chamberlin and Wingert to be placed on the On-Lot Septic Haulers list, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**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. Mr. Phillips made a motion to refer the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance sign regulations to public hearing, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Advertisement for Reading Township Community Yard Sale Dates & Lake Meade Exclusion for June 24th & 25th**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve advertising for the Reading Township Yard Sale and exclusion of Lake Meade for June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, second by Mr. Thomason; Motion carried.

**Change in Personal Policy-sick days changing from 5 to 3 days when needing a doctor's excuse**

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to amend the personal policy sick days from 5 to 3 when needing a doctor's excuse for Non-Union employees, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval for fire hydrants and billing acknowledgement for hydrants to be installed as part of the Water Main Extension for Hampton Heights sub-division**

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to table York Waters request, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Sara Kipp, Land Conservancy of Adams County, pursuing the preservation of Janice Newcomer's farm- land in Reading Township**

Janice Newcomer has applied to preserve her farmland in order to do this, she is asking \$75,000.00 from the township. Ms. Newcomer stated she grew up on a farm and she cannot save that one, but she would like to save hers. She has sixty-eight acres, and it continues to be farmed. Ms. Newcomer and Ms. Kipp were impressed with the Townships mission statement which states to preserve farmland. Chairman Holtzinger would like to see a referendum be placed on the ballot for November election to see how the taxpayers would feel using their money to preserve farmland. Attorney Smith stated some of the questions have stated a certain amount

or you could put up to a certain amount. Attorney Smith is going to research the referendum question.

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to have Attorney Smith begin the process of developing a referendum question to see if the taxpayers are in favor of preserving land.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Officer Ceravola gave his report in the beginning of the meeting.

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.

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

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

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

Attorney Smith reviewed the legislative and caselaw updates.

Attorney Smith also reviewed the ARPA fund money and what it can be spent on. The money can be used for anything that you would normally spend general funds on.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Newcomer stated her ears perked up when she heard Attorney Smith state you can use the ARPA money for Ag Preservation. Attorney Smith said only because it is an authorized use of public monies. It is not a mandate.

Ms. Goldhan questioned the Board as to why they set the referendum up to \$50,000.00. She thinks that might be a hard sell. Chairman Holtzinger stated because that amount will not go far.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm on a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thomason; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer

