**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 18, 2024**

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 Wes Thomason. Mike Weigand was also present with Chairman Thomason presiding over the meeting. Vice Chairman Jason Phillips was absent from the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith.

Trey Elrod, Gordon Brown, and Associates; Donald Godfrey & Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Jeff and Luanne Megonnell, Kim Weigand, Gary Myers, George Wolf, Patricia Morrow, Vernon Grier, Rodney Hollabaugh, Aaron Gobrecht, Eric Newcomer, and Kevin Holtzinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance authorizing ASA addition for James Henry and Sarah Munday Becker, 527 Plum Run Road.**

Chairman Thomason opened the hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Thomason closed the public hearing.

**Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance to include regulations for utility scale solar facility use.**

Chairman Thomason opened the hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Thomason closed the public hearing.

**Ordinance authorizing amending Code Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic to Prohibit brake retarders.**

Chairman Thomason opened the hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Thomason closed the public hearing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive session was held on October 21, 2024 to discuss possible litigation.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from October 21, 2024, Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved on a motion by Supervisor Weigand, second by Chairman Thomason, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Louanne Megonnell thanked the board for the updated lights at the Community Center. She also thanked the road crew for the facelift of the parking lights with newly painted lines and handicap spots. Chairman Thomason also thanked the road crew.

Jeff Megonnell stated at the last Board meeting he mentioned the ballfields were a mess with trash. He stated by Wednesday the field was cleaned up.

Eric Newcomer thanked the police department for recovering his stolen mower.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**Conewago Ridge Preliminary Subdivision Plan second request until March 28th, 2025**

Chairman Thomason motioned to approve the extension until March 28th, 2025, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried.

**Chesterfield Phase 3a & 4 Final Subdivision Plan letter for review/action extension until December 23, 2024 acknowledgement**

The Board acknowledged the extension.

**New Horizon Café pick up window**

Eric Newcomer was present to discuss the issue with the pickup window. He presented the Board with a blueprint of the proposal he will be submitting to PennDOT. Mr. Newcomer stated he has not dropped the ball and has been working on the issue continuously. Engineer, Trey Elrod, stated Mr. Newcomer, PennDOT or his engineer has not kept the Township in the loop of what has been going on and they have been kept in the dark. Mr. Newcomer was not aware the information was not being sent to Mr. Elrod. Mr. Newcomer is proposing a stop bar as to not block the handicap parking. Mr. Elrod does not think that will work. It was also discussed that the ADA parking space might be blocked by longer vehicles stopped at the drive thru window, so it might be a good idea to move the ADA space farther from the building. Mr. Newcomer said moving the ADA parking space would not be a problem. Mr. Elrod would like to see additional signage requiring that vehicles in line for the drive thru do not block the ADA parking space as well as additional “Do Not Enter” signage at the exit. Mr. Newcomer was also told if PennDOT approves his plan he will still need a variance to be able to use his drive-up window. Mr. Newcomer stated he is aware of that. Although not specifically discussed at the meeting, it should be noted that the plans have not been reviewed and the above discussion should not be construed as an approval.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Aaron Gobrecht- 86 Heather Lane**

**Waiver of subdivision and land development fee**

Mr. Gobrecht was granted a variance from setback regulations imposed by the plan in order to place a 14 x22 shed up to 25’ from the front property line of the property at Alexus Way with the condition that he must obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors to modify the final subdivision plan of Hampton Heights Phase IV with respect to the subject lot to modify the front setback from Alexus Way from 50’ to 25’. Mr. Gobrecht is requesting the fees be waived however he is also requesting the Board to go against the advice of the Solicitor and just allow him to install his shed without the subdivision plan. He stated he has already spent a lot of money and time on the process since July when he originally filed for a permit. The Solicitor indicated that she supports the waiver of fees and further stated that the required plan would be very simple, probably a single sheet. Mr. Elrod agreed that the plan would be simple. Chairman Thomason made a motion to approve the waiver of the fees, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion passed. Mr. Gobrecht’s request to allow him to put the shed on his property without the Subdivision plan will be on December’s agenda.

**Appoint Smith, Elliot Kerns-Township Accountants to perform 2024 Audit**

Chairman Thomason approved the appointment of Smith, Elliot Kerns to perform the 2024 audit, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried. Attorney Smith stated it will have to be put in the newspaper for thirty days.

**James Henry & Sarah Munday Becker-527 Plum Run Road-ASA Addition**

Supervisor Weigand made a motion to approve the addition of James Henry and Sarah Munday Becker, 527 Plum Run Road as a ASA addition, second by Chairman Thomason; motion carried.

**Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance to include regulations for utility scale solar facility use**

Supervisor Weigand made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance to include regulations for utility scale solar facility use, second by Chairman Thomason; motion carried.

**Proposed brake retarders prohibition ordinance amendment**

Supervisor Weigand made a motion to approve the proposed brake retarders prohibition ordinance amendment, second by Chairman Thomason; motion carried.

**Proposed Ordinance to increase Supervisor pay**

Attorney Smith asked the Board if they wish to adopt an Ordinance to increase the Supervisor pay. They can increase if to $4190.00 annually or any amount between $2500.00 to $4190.00. This will only apply to future Boards not the sitting Board. Supervisor Weigand requested to table until the December meeting since Vice-Chairman Phillips was not in attendance. Attorney Smith also needed to know if they would like paid monthly, daily or per meeting. Chairman Thomason wanted it to stay monthly.

**Advertise for Engine Bay renovation bids**

Supervisor Weigand made a motion to approve the advertisement for the renovation of the Engine Bay at the Hampton Fire Company, second by Chairman Thomason; motion carried. The pre-construction meeting will be held December 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

**Municipal Cybersecurity Risk Assessment Survey**

The Board of Supervisors will not participate in this survey.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of October were approved pending audit on a motion by Supervisor Weigand, second by Chairman Thomason; motion carried.

Treasurer’s report for October

State Fund MM $191,124.98

ARPA Fund $277,564.54

General Fund: $279,455.48

Total Income $ 40,016.50

Total Expenses $153,578.95

Net Income $-113,562.45

Tar & Chip was paid in October in the amount of $207,713.40.

**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.

Supervisor Weigand made a motion to accept the Administrative Reports as presented, second by Chairman Thomason; motion carried.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Attorney Smith reviewed some Legislation and judicial opinions update.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Thomason stated the re-organization meeting will be held on January 6, 2025.

Rodney Hollabaugh stated if they want to cut Supervisors pay for not attending meetings, why do not they cut politicians pay for not showing up to state house.

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:27 pm on a motion by Supervisor Weigand, seconded by Chairman Thomason; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer