

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

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 Paul Bart, Chairman. Marcia Weaver, Vice Chairman, and Donald Kauffman, Supervisor, were present with Chairman Bart presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor; Eric Mains, Engineer; Gary Bullock, EMC; Nancy Stimer, Auditor; Jerry Shank, Planning Commission; Wilbur Slothour, Land & Sea Services; Robin Heyser, East Berlin Area Community Center; Officer Bill Ceravola, Rodney Heagey, Pauline Brodbeck, Emmert & Pat Hartzell, George Wolf, Jeff Ebersole, Randy & Candy Spahr, Jerry Leathery, J.R. Anderson, Ben Hamm, Mr. Adams, Evelyn Howe, Sue Myers and Kevin Holtzinger.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the January 18th regular meeting were approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Heyser, President of the East Berlin Area Community Center, thanked Mr. Bart for attending their meeting to take possession of their building and appreciates any support and input we can provide. Mr. Bart stated that Reading Township is one of six jurisdictions that are stakeholders in the facility and we appreciate everything the Community Center does.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Stoney Point Bridge over Markel Run Road

The bridge has been determined by PennDot and the County to be structurally deficient. The Board of Supervisors requested that the minutes reflect their interest in the bridge replacement. Mr. Mains will follow-up with Mr. Merkel at the Adams County Office of Planning and Development regarding funding through the county and federal government.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for January was approved as submitted on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

JANUARY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Reports submitted by the Police Department, Public Works Department and Building, Zoning & Code Enforcement and Emergency Management were approved as submitted on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman, motion carried unanimously. A report was also submitted by the East Berlin Fire Company.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Hillandale Gettysburg Lake Meade Road Preliminary Plan #2015-09

- ♦ A modification request to use smooth-lined pipe with water tight joints was approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Ms. Weaver; motion carried unanimously.
- ♦ The sewage facilities planning module was approved to be sent to DEP on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

East Berlin Fish & Game Club Noise Complaint

- ♦ Mrs. Spahr reported there is continuous shooting of automatic weapons more now than in the past thirty-five years. There is to be a 150 yard safety zone; but it is only 130-140 yards from their home. She also expressed concerns for the clean-up of lead. Mr. Spahr stated that the noise is unreal on Sundays. He is a member of the club and helped out there over the years; but never guessed it would turn into this.
- ♦ Mr. Kauffman stated the range is only a sight-in range and not for automatic weapons.
- ♦ Mr. Hamm stated they are using assault weapons and AK47's.
- ♦ Mr. Adams stated that one side of the club is a sight-in range and the other side is a firing range. The club boards had a meeting with the members; and are taking steps to work it out. They have gone out to other ranges and asked for their input. They do ban automatic weapons but not semi-automatic weapons. They have limited clip size. State law regulations were looked at by the Range Committee. This has been the only complaint since 1949. They have cleaned up the lead and dug the dirt out. Different vegetation was planted in the wet lands.
- ♦ Mr. Slothour stated that the Township has a nuisance ordinance but not a noise ordinance. He encourages open dialog between the parties. He sent Greg Handle, Club President, the section on discharging firearms, Section 6703 regarding exceptions. The scale of activity has increased over the last 1 ½ to 2 years.
- ♦ Mr. Leathery felt the residents were not treated fairly at the meeting.
- ♦ Mr. Adams stated that membership has increased over the last several years.
- ♦ Mr. Anderson stated both ranges are located with roadway going through them. There is no control regarding non-members and suggested chain link fencing for security with electronic cards.
- ♦ Ms. Spahr requested that the township still check safety zone with her and her neighbors. She wants a record of the clean-up.
- ♦ Mr. Ebersole stated that he felt the residents were laughed at when they attended the meeting. Benches are too close to the road. The ranges should be moved back farther.
- ♦ Attorney Neubaum recommended that the Club put in writing a remediation plan so we can all agree with a remedy.
- ♦ Mr. Slothour recommended the Club include a sketch plan of distances involving the ranges and safety zones.
- ♦ Chairman Bart stated to Mr. Adams that the Board of Supervisors will expect to hear from the Club regarding the above mentioned requests.

Request for Comcast Service on Hoover School Road

A request for Comcast cable service on Hoover School Road was received from Chad Leas. Attorney Neubaum stated their requirements are based on density and they don't have to provide service if it is not profitable. Chairman Bart requested a letter be sent Comcast and a copy to the county commissioners.

Adams County Council of Governments

Approval was given to pay \$100 membership fee for the Adams County Council of Governments and Chairman Bart was appointed as delegate and Ms. Weaver was appointed as alternate delegate on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

PennDot Traffic Study

Stoney Point and Lake Meade Roads

A response dated January 21st was received from PennDot who will be installing chevrons around the curve at Bakers Watering Trough Road to better delineate the geometry of the roadway for drivers. Skid testing will done on the road surface to better evaluate the pavement quality and then determine if resurfacing the roadway is needed. PennDot stated the Township may choose to pursue the installation of post mounted signs at the Lake Meade Driveways.

Estimate for Cleaning Services

The estimate was not submitted in time for the meeting from All Clean Building Maintenance and was tabled for the next meeting.

Declaration of Disaster Emergency

Chairman Bart stated that a Declaration of Disaster Emergency was approved on January 23rd. The Board thanked and recognized the road crew, police and all emergency volunteers for their service during this record breaking snow emergency. Lake Meade Fire & Rescue volunteers were also recognized for assisting Gary Bullock in removing snow from the roof of the township building.

Teamsters Local Union 776 Collective Bargaining Agreement

The date of Monday, June 13th was scheduled to begin the process of negotiating both the Police and Public Works Department Collective Bargaining Agreements. The Agreements expire at the end of 2016.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Resolution 2016-13: Physical & Health Requirements for Employment in the Public Works Department

Attorney Neubaum stated this resolution is a reenactment of Resolution 2015-23 initiated by Mr. Zanguench that needed some proof reading adjustments. Resolution 2016-13 was adopted on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Stimer stated she was present on behalf of the Auditors. They are working on their final week and the office is open for anyone who has any questions about the audit. The DCED report will be ready for notarization this Saturday, weather permitting. She and Mr. Helman will both attend March's meeting to discuss their findings.

Mr. Shank wanted to thank the road crew for all their hard work during the winter storm.

Evelyn Howe expressed concern that Kuhn Fording Road was not plowed until diner time on Monday following the storm. She inquired if there is an emergency how would anyone get back. Mr. Heagey stated that snow mobiles would be able to assist under those conditions.

Mr. Heagey stated there has been no talking between the Board and the property owners regarding the issue of the Wolf Road entrance to Lake Meade. He stated that the Board needs to sit down with the people involved. It's been two years now. He also stated that his name is not spelled correctly and the address is not correct on correspondence he received from Attorney Neubaum. He will not sign an agreement if his name and address are not corrected.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia V. Weaver
Secretary/Treasurer