**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 18, 2023**

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.

Trey Elrod, Gordon Brown, and Associates; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Boney Dawood, John Skovira, Greg Heefner, Gary Myers, Keith Strine, George Wolf, Benay Holtzinger, William Bowen, Marcia and Barry Weaver, Keith Bortner, Jeff and Louanne Megonnell, Kim and Mike Wiegand, Karen Grier, Vernon Grier, Elizabeth Grier, and Gary Bullock.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Acknowledged Thank You letters for donations.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from November 20, 2023, Regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Keith Strine,** 1178 Stoney Point Road, he stated that there was a four way stop sign at Germany Road and Stoney Point Road. However, Lake Meade made the stop sign go away.

Chairman Holtzinger read a statement concerning his time in office giving thanks and stating the accomplishment the Board has made during his time in office. He also gave the names of the people he served with during his six years on the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Thomason presented Chairman Holtzinger with a certificate from PSATS, a card and gift card for C&D restaurant.

**Open truck bids**

Bids for the 2003 F550:

1. Michael Binesito $6,107.00
2. RL Livingston $8,000.00
3. Jim Lady $27,640.00
4. Robert & Angela Jodion $18,750.00
5. Elba Acevedo $11,100.00
6. Benjamin Kyzer $6,277.00

Mr. Phillips made a motion to award the bid for the F550 to Jim Lady for $27,640.00, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**Chesterfield Building Permits Agreement-update**

At the October Board of Supervisors meeting the Board approved the issuance of four building permits and the occupancy permits cannot be issued unless substantial improvements have been completed. Boney Dawood is requesting to extend opportunity to issue building permits to all lots in Phase two other than the four pending permits and a provision to provide for the issuance of the occupancy reports if the weather does not allow for the completion of the storm water management plan and a bond would be implemented. The Supervisors are going to stay with the original agreement. Mr. Dawood will return to the February Board meeting to give an update. The issue will be revisited as the project progresses.

**Phil Garland Hampton Heights Phase V**

**Bond reduction**

Mr. Elrod reviewed the request for surety reduction. He recommended that the surety be reduced by the amount of $53,328.80.00. Mr. Phillips made a motion to reduce the bond in the amount of $53,328.00, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Kevin S. & Benay V. Holtzinger**

**Final Subdivision Plan**

**SALD #2023-08**

Chairman Holtzinger recused himself.

* Waiver §22-411 F. Water Impact Study-consideration and action

Mr. Shank stated he did not see Waiver §22-505 A(2) or Waiver §22-505 B(1) come to the Planning Commission for review. Mr. Vernon Grier expressed his concerns about not having Mr. Holtzinger do the water impact study. He is worried about his and his neighbor’s wells going dry. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion to have Mr. Holtzinger do a desktop study on a new well with $30,000.00 held in an escrow account bearing no interest, and the 6 adjoining neighbors will be notified the date on when the study will take place, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried.

* Waiver §22-505 A(2) consideration and action
* Waiver §22-505 B(1) consideration and action
* Final Subdivision Plan-consideration and action

The previous waivers are tabled until the Planning Commission has reviewed them and will be at the January Board of Supervisors meeting.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Approve OLDS Septic Haulers for 2024**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the septic haulers for 2024, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Meeting Dates for Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission for 2024**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the dates for the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings with corrections to the Board of Supervisors dates and times, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Line painting for speed control**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the line painting for speed control with the priority being Stoney Point Road and not to exceed $1,500.00, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried. Chairman Holtzinger abstained.

**Salzmann Hughes, P.C. Engagement & Representation Agreement for Zoning Hearing Board**

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to approve Salzmann Hughes, P.C. to represent the Zoning Hearing Board, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried.

**Intent to appoint SEK to perform Township Audit**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to appoint SEK to perform the Township audit, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Comprehensive Plan Update**

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion for the Comprehensive Plan to be reviewed based on Andrew Merkel, the county planner, suggestions, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Draft Solar use amendments to Zoning Ordinance**

Tabled for future discussion.

**Draft amendments to SALDO**

Tabled for future discussion.

**Public Work Union Bargaining Agreement 2024-26**

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to approve the Public Works Union Bargaining Agreement, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

**Police Union Bargaining Agreement 2024-26**

Mr. Thomason made a motion to approve the Police Union Bargaining Agreement, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried. Chairman Holtzinger abstained.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution for Adoption of 2024 Budget**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the Resolution for adoption of the 2024 Budget, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously. It will be numbered 2023-19.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of November was 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, RTMA Audit Report, Emergency Management and Northeast Adams Fire & EMS, Heidlersburg and York Springs.

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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**Legislative update**

Attorney Smith gave legislative and judicial updates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:50 pm on a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer