

REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:05 pm by Kevin Holtzinger, Chairman. Vice Chairman Greg Heefner and Jason Phillips were present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Virginia Thornton, Gannett Fleming; Jason Grim, Public Works; Louanne and Jeff McGonnell, Pat Hartzell, George Wolf and Gary Bullock, EMC Coordinator.

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Session July 20, 2020-Personnel, Union

August 13-Meeting with Supervisors and Fire Company

PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance of Reading Township adding and authorizing the establishment of speed limits on certain roads in the Township and providing penalties for violations.

Chairman Holtzinger opened the hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Holtzinger closed the public hearing.

MINUTES

July 20, 2020 Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff McGonnell stated it took four years and a multi-million-dollar project to get Stoney Point to 35 MPH. He stated people are still not abiding by the speed limit. He would like Officer Morehead and Officer Ceravola to help slow people down. Mr. McGonnell also noticed between the Township building and Stoney Point Road going West the speed limit is 55 but going East is 50.

Engineers Report

Mr. Grim gave an update on the Church Road projects. He stated the paving is complete and they sealed the joints. The only thing left to complete is put screened topsoil on the edge to make a smooth transition from the road.

Ms. Thornton had a change order for the road project on Church Road which was previously approved by the Board of Supervisors for the culvert replacements which needed Chairman Holtzinger's signature.

Ms. Thornton also furnished the Board with two applications of payment. One was for the Church Road Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$165,044.07 and one for the Church Road Shoulder and Drainage Project in the amount of \$129,973.50. Both will be partial payments and not the total cost. Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve the signing of the payment applications, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Thornton received an email from Ms. Beard concerning PennDot requesting a potential traffic study in the Hampton Alleyways. Mr. Phillips stated the residents are concerned about all the traffic in the alleys with the Hampton Round-a-bout project detours. Ms. McGonnell stated there were two tractor trailers that were on the alleyways which the alleyways were not designed for. Ms. Thornton will have one of Gannett Flemmings traffic planning engineers evaluate while the construction is still occurring to get an insight on what it looks like currently then submit a proposal for a traffic study once the round-a-bout is complete.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Recycling Trailer

Chairman Holtzinger tabled this discussion until Mr. Grim obtains more estimates and costs.

2020 Fire Company Box Cards

Mr. Heefner stated the fire chiefs from Company 32 and 33 met to discuss the box cards. He stated it was a very productive meeting and they will meet again for more discussion. Chairman Holtzinger stated there will be more discussion on donations for the fire companies at Budget time.

Prices for 2 security camera's

This was tabled for further research.

Prices for 2 laptops to Work from Home if Needed

This was tabled to gather more information.

Joint meeting of PC and BOS – set date and topic

The dates of September 24th or 28th were chosen for the joint meeting between the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to discuss zoning issues. Mr. Shank will talk to Mr. Biese to confirm date.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of Reading Township adding and authorizing the establishment of speed limits on certain roads in the Township and providing penalties for violations. Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve Ordinance number 2020-09, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of July were approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; 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 for the month of July.

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

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Attorney Smith stated she will need to meet with the Board in executive session to discuss a letter received from the Police Union Council requesting a response by tonight’s meeting that was not possible.

Attorney Smith discussed a decision issued by the Commonwealth Court stating there must be conditions attached to approvals whether they be Plans or Zoning Permits. She also stated that the conditions must be reasonable. Attorney Smith will discuss further with the Board when they are presented with a plan and conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff McGonnell questioned Officer Ceravola as to how much the Electronic speed sign cost the township to purchase. Officer Ceravola stated he thinks it was around \$3500.00. Mr. McGonnell thinks it was a good investment and would like to see the township purchase another one.

Officer Ceravola stated the lanes were switched at the new Hampton Round-a-Bout today.

Gerry Shank stated when he was coming to the meeting tonight coming out of Browns Dam Road the traffic was backed up to the trailer court. It took him fifteen minutes to get to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm into executive session on a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer