

**READING TOWNSHIP
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

AN ORDINANCE VACATING BAKER SCHOOL ROAD (T-657)

WHEREAS, Reading Township owns and maintains a system of public roads throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, Baker School Road (T-657) is a public road owned and maintained by the Township; and

WHEREAS, Baker School Road intersects with Stoney Point Road (SR 1007); and

WHEREAS, Baker School Road is a non-through road serving a limited number of properties and not the general public; and

WHEREAS, Baker School Road is of insufficient width and construction to continue to function and be maintained effectively and safely as a road open to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Reading Township:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to vacate Baker School Road as a public road owned and maintained by the Township and to return its right-of-way to private ownership.

Section 2. Enabling Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the enabling authority of Sections 1506, 1601 and 2304 of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §§ 65101 *et seq.*

Section 3. Findings and Determinations

A. Baker School Road is:

- i. a non-through road which does not serve the general public, but serves as the sole point of access for one improved property and a large property in agricultural use;
- ii. .19 miles in length; and
- iii. 10 feet in width and constructed without shoulders or designed stormwater management.

B. Baker School Road is of insufficient width, construction and configuration to continue to function effectively and safely as a road open to the public.

C. Baker School Road is of insufficient width, construction and configuration to allow maintenance and snow/ice removal to occur fully within the improved roadway and in a safe and effective manner.

D. The continued public maintenance of Baker School Road is not fiscally prudent given its configuration, functionality and condition.

Section 4. Vacating of Baker School Road.

Baker School Road shall be vacated as a public road owned and maintained by the Township and its right-of-way shall be turned-back to private ownership.

Section 5. Repealer.

All other ordinances of Reading Township that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. All other ordinances of the Township not specifically amended or repealed hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Severability.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section, provision, clause or term of this Ordinance invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective five days from the date of enactment.

ENACTED this 20th day of January, 2020

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
READING TOWNSHIP,
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