

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:03 pm by Kevin Holtzinger, Chairman. Marcia Weaver, Vice-Chairperson was present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting. Donald Kauffman was absent from the meeting.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor, Malone & Neubaum; Eric Mains, Engineer, Gannett Fleming; Jason Grim, Public Works Department; Officer in Charge, Bill Ceravola; John Beise and Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Gary Bullock and Emmert Hartzell, Hampton Fire Company; Joshua Laughman, Becky and Harold Ruppert and George Wolf.

Jason Grim led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the September 18th, 2017 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Weaver and seconded by Chairman Holtzinger; motion carried.

The minutes of the August 2nd, 2017 Budget Workshop meeting were approved on a motion by Chairman Holtzinger, seconded Ms. Weaver; motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Holtzinger stated that there was an executive session held after the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board of Supervisors regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Biese, Planning Commission, informed the Board they need to contact Robin or Casey with Adams County Economic Development and not Andrew Merkel to discuss funding to refurbish blighted properties as discussed at the August 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting.

Gerald Shank, Planning Commission, stated Rutter's has coolers installed with beer sales coming soon signs.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Bridge Placement**

Mr. Mains stated that he has completed his review of the bridge replacement project using a precast structure. The intent was to determine if the Township was saving money in assuming all soft costs in lieu of a 5% contribution in an 80/15/5 cost share relationship with the County as part of a State/Federal funded project. Mr. Mains does not feel that this is something the Township should consider and The Board should stick to the original agreement. Mr. Mains will follow up with the County.

**On-Lot Septic Implementation**

Mr. Mains and Jill Arnold, GIS Mapping Department with Gannet Flemming, met with Garry Wilt on October 6, 2017 to discuss implementing a data base to be used for tracking the On-Lot Septic Ordinance. Mr. Mains stated it is a work in progress. He will work on getting a cost involved with this process.

### **2018 Road Abandonment Projects**

Mr. Mains questioned the Board as to the road abandonment of four roads that were previously discussed. Chairman Holtzinger stated that the Township only budgeted for two roads this year which would be Old Log House and Pentz Road. Mr. Mains suggested getting a topographic detail on Old Log House Road by Hanover Land Services who will be doing the survey of the roads. Mr. Mains will have them write a proposal of what cost is involved.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **PennDot Traffic Study concerning Stoney Point Road, Wolf Road & Lake Meade Road**

The Board acknowledged receiving a letter from PennDot concerning the slippery road conditions on Stoney Point Road which was discussed at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting. They will be working to correct the situation. PennDot will be installing chevron warning signs for the curve at Wolf Road and applying a seal coat to the surface of Stoney Point Road and Lake Meade Road.

Mr. Grim also stated he received a phone call from The York Water Company. They may be tearing up some of the Hampton Alleyways that were just repaved to install a water line. They would like an estimate on what it would cost to repave the alleys. Mr. Mains stated he would like to be involved in the project and he feels there should be an agreement between The York Water Company and the Township outlining the obligations of The York Water Company. Mr. Grim will contact The York Water Company and get a timetable on how soon the project would begin.

### **Joshua Laughman-Driveway 5360 Carlisle Pike**

Mr. Laughman is asking the Board's approval to allow his wife to park her school bus on their property. The Board and Mr. Grim stated they are concerned with the damage it may cause to the newly paved Hampton Alleyways and that there are already markings on the pavement where the wheels are turning. Mr. Mains suggested there be a bond or some type of financial surety agreement in place to cover the cost if there is damage done whether by the land owners or the bus company. Mr. Grim will take some measurements and get some estimates of repairs if needed.

### **2017 Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax to Fire Companies**

The Township received \$34,856.13 for the 2017 Commonwealth allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Associations of the fire companies that serve within Reading Township. 40% of the funds were approved to be distributed to the Hampton Fire Company; 40% of the funds to the Lake Meade Fire & Rescue; and 20% of the funds to the East Berlin Liberty #1 Fire Company on a motion by Chairman Holtzinger and seconded by Ms. Weaver; motion carried.

### **2017 Budgeted Contributions**

Chairman Holtzinger stated Mr. Brandt Ensor with the East Berlin Library attended the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Meeting. Mr. Ensor was concerned because the contribution the Township budgeted for 2017 was \$1625.00 less than the year before of \$4550.00. He stated if they do not get the \$4450.00 that was received in the past, the library is in jeopardy of losing their \$25,000.00 funding from the state and they may have to close the library for 2 months. The 2017 contributions will be distributed as stated, with the exception of the East Berlin Library which will be receiving \$4450.00. Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to give the Library the additional \$1625.00 as stated in the 2017 donations, Ms. Weaver seconded the motion based on the budget vs. actual report submitted by the treasurer.

### **Donation from Little Italy**

The Board thanked Giuseppe Grigoli, Owner of Little Italy, for a \$400.00 donation. The Public Works Department cut some bamboo on his property that was causing site issues at a stop sign.

### **Recall on Police Vehicle**

Officer in Charge Ceravola stated he received a recall letter from Ford with a carbon monoxide issue on his Police Vehicle. The Ford Garage indicated that they would have to remove the rear police lighting to repair the recall. They sealed some areas and turned down the exhaust pipes. Officer Ceravola does not think that removing the lights is necessary. There was a carbon monoxide detector purchase and installed in the vehicle. The Ford Garage would like a waiver signed stated that he does not want the lights removed. The matter was tabled for future discussion on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Chairman Holtzinger, motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of August with a correction being made, was approved, pending audit, on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Chairman Holtzinger, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of September was approved pending audit, on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Chairman Holtzinger, motion carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Police Report**

Officer Ceravola stated his gas mileage has dropped significantly and he is not sure what is going on. Ms. Weaver stated there were 24 vehicle stops.

#### **Public Works Report**

Mr. Grim stated Stop and street name signage is up in Hampton Alleyways. The Public Works Department will be starting soft spot repair on Sowers and Nell Roads. The Route 194 detour is causing problems with the shoulders and he is concerned there will be an accident if not repaired. Mr. Bullock mentioned that the signs are nice but people do not abide by the stop signs at Firehouse Lane and Sponsellers.

The Board acknowledged receiving reports from the Police, Public Works, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, Emergency Management, Hampton Fire Company and East Berlin Fire Company for the month of September.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Neubaum stated Eric Klinedinst, 6363 Carlisle Pike, filed an appeal concerning the Randy Black Zoning Hearing Board Decision which the Zoning Hearing Board solicitor Mr. Shultis is handling this matter.

Penn Township in York County is also battling Rutter's and the Liquor License issue. Attorney Neubaum stated York County Court's ruling was identical to the Adam's County's Court decision with Reading Township and Rutter's. The Board decided not to appeal the Rutter's case.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm on a motion by Ms. Weaver, seconded by Chairman Holtzinger, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer