

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 17, 2019**

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 and Gary Sauble, Supervisor were present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor, Malone & Neubaum; Eric Mains, Engineer, Gannett Fleming; Gary Bullock, Emergency Management Coordinator; Jason Grim, Kim Dissinger, Public Works Department; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Gerald Shank, John Biese, Planning Commission; Mike Thomas, Greg Heefner, Northeast Adams Fire & EMS; Jason Phillips, Anthony Phillips, Hampton Fire Company; Brandon Danner, Bermudian Little League; Ted Brillhart, Snyder, Secary & Associates, LLC; Mark Powers, Pauline Brodbeck, Dean Wonders, Gail Bixler, Kathy Bragg, Randy Hoover, Jody and Troy Lobaugh, Robin Wolf, Louanne and Jeff Megonnell.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Weaver.

Minutes of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Board met in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

June 10<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Weaver attended a Council of Governments Committee meeting at Hamiltonban Township regarding cable franchise negotiations. Ms. Weaver stated she presented the things that were discussed at last month's Board of Supervisors meeting to Attorney Wisner with Salzman Hughes. Attorney Wisner will notify the Township Representatives with the next meeting dates. Ms. Weaver stated there are five townships involved in the agreement which will reduce the cost.

June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board met for Union Negotiations

State Route 1007, Stoney Point Road will remain closed until August 1st for bridge replacement.

**Public Comments**

Gary Bullock questioned the Board as to how the Hampton Fire Company could give the Township the property and then turn around and charge the Fire Company rent in the amount of \$3000.00. Chairman Holtzinger stated according to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding the Board is only charging \$1.00 to rent the bays to United Hook and Ladder. He also stated the Board requested \$300.00 a month for utilities not \$3000.00 which would be \$3600.00 a year. Jason Phillips responded he was commissioned by the leadership of United Hook and Ladder to give a blanket statement. He stated he understands while we do not necessarily agree with the change in the agreement. The

Leadership of United has been in contact with the Board of Supervisors and it will all be ironed out and the outcome will be taken care of. They will continue to work through it professionally as they have been in the past.

Jeff Megonnell, 47 Stoney Point Road, commented on funding for the Police Protection and Fire Protection. He thinks the funding for the Police is so much higher than the fire departments. Chairman Holtzinger stated that amount is a combination of Police and Fire Companies together. The Police budget is around \$240,000.00.

Brandon Danner, President Bermudian Little League. Mr. Danner stated he did not know who to contact concerning the mowing and scheduling of the ball games. He stated he currently is mowing the fields but was uncertain who to contact with the merger taking place with Hampton and United Hook and Ladder. Mr. Phillips stated as of now the property still belongs to Hampton Fire Company and the ball team can continue to have their games at the Hampton Ball Fields and Mr. Danner will continue to maintain the fields.

Ms. Weaver said an incident occurred where she needed to contact 911 and thanked Northeast Adams Fire and EMS for their prompt response. She expressed gratitude to the following persons who responded: Troy Reeve, Greg Heefner, David Brehm, Anthony Southerland and Deirdre Smyth, Medic 51. She drew attention to the current article in the Township News concerning the financial crisis affecting all ambulance services and stated that as an aging population continues to grow, our need for ambulance services will only continue to increase.

Mr. Holtzinger stated Mr. Sauble's mother passed away and on behalf of Reading Township we send thoughts and prayers to his family.

### **Engineer's Report**

#### **Vacate a portion of Big Rock Road and all of Bakers School Road**

Tabled from last month's meeting, the Board decided to postpone vacating Big Rock Road but proceed with vacating Bakers School Road. Ms. Beard will send letters to the surrounding residents, so they are aware of the Board's decision to vacate Bakers School Road.

#### **Shemon Property**

##### **SALD #2007-08**

Josh George, Snyder, Secary & Associates, spoke concerning the letter submitted by the Board of Supervisors on March 21, 2019 stating, Township records indicate the requirement of submitting annual phasing schedules were not met and no improvements or infrastructure on the parcel were attempted. Over the past five years they have not made any efforts to further the plan and as a result they lose all protections from any changes in the applicable Ordinances. It was noted that regardless of this discussion, the development is subject to Ordinance 2019-01, dedication of recreation land, or payment of fee in lieu of land dedication. Mr. George stated he is aware of the Ordinance. He stated he does not think it

is financially feasible to proceed with starting the development at this time. Mr. George is requesting the phasing schedule be pushed out until 2023 and he questioned whether the Board will approve an extended time limit. Mr. Shank stated the Planning Commission would like to receive a yearly update on the plan. Ms. Weaver made a motion to accept the Shemon Property project phasing schedule letter dated January 28, 2019 as modified at the Board of Supervisors meeting, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and initialed by Owner, on the condition that the applicant shall submit an annual updated phasing schedule no later than the last day of February every year, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

**Ladd Mummert (Buttercup Property)**

**SALD #2019-01-115**

**Group Mill Road**

**Final Subdivision Plan**

Ms. Weaver made a motion to give conditional approval to the Ladd Mummert Property Final Land Development plan #2019-01 based on the following conditions being met, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously:

1. §22-306.A(27) & (28) The final plan must be signed prior to approval by the Township. All plans (2 paper and 2 Mylar) must have original signatures, seals and notarization and include a separate signature block for the Board of Supervisors on both pages to sign to facilitate recordation of the final plan with the Adams County Recorder of Deeds Office.
2. §22-306.B(10) The Department of Environmental Protection Request for Planning Exemption must be completed, signed and submitted to the appropriate office. An approval letter must be received and filed at the Township Office before final recordation of the plan.

**Hampton Heights**

**Phasing Schedule**

The Board acknowledges receiving the Hampton Heights Phasing schedule by letter dated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**MISCELLANOUS**

**Becky Mitchell**

**Hampton Heights HOA President**

Ms. Mitchell expressed some safety issues the residents are having in Hampton Heights Development. Once the roads of Phase 2 are dedicated to the Township, she would like to see a stop sign at the corner of Amber View and Holly Court, parking on one side of the street only and the speed limit reduced. Ms. Mitchell also would like the Board to have the developer repaint the crosswalks before the Township take over the roads. Chairman Holtzinger stated he spoke to Mr. Wilt and based on the width of the cart way there will be parking on one side only.

Ms. Mitchell also stated there are still construction vehicles traveling on the roads which is prohibited. Chairman Holtzinger will speak to the developer, Mr. Garland.

**Update on flashing lights at Peepytown Road  
and SR 234 from May's meeting**

PennDOT's 715 funding for this fiscal year of 2019-2020 will not be released until after July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2019. After that time, the process will be approved to start putting out bids for the warning devices so they may be purchased at the county level. They are hoping the installation will be started late August.

**Apple Valley Creamery 5K Run**

All paperwork has been received by the Township. Ms. Weaver made a motion for final approval of the Apple Valley Creamery 5K Run scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Mr. Sauble. second; motion carried unanimously.

**2018 tar & chip redo warranty**

**Stone cost**

Mr. Sauble made a motion to approve the purchase of stone for the warranty repair of the tar and chip project on Iris Lane, Brown's Dam and Turkey Pit, second by Ms. Weaver; motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of May was approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Sauble, second by Ms. Weaver; motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

The Board acknowledged receiving reports from the Police, Public Works, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, Emergency Management, Northeast Adams Fire & EMS and Hampton for the month of May.

**Police Report**

Officer in Charge, Bill Ceravola supplied the Board with a detailed report of the Officer's time for the month of May. Officer Ceravola stated himself and Officer Morehead had driven 2107 miles, 330 hours worked, 0 hours overtime 22 hours personal used. The Officers were in Lake Meade 30 times. There were 155 calls, 54 traffic stops, 40 traffic violations, 7 warnings and 2 harassment charges.

Jason Phillips stated on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Orphans Court approved the merger between United Hook and Ladder and Hampton Fire Company. It will become official on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 am. Chairman Holtzinger noted for the record, Hampton's utilities cost for the month of May were over \$1200.00. Chairman Holtzinger also inquired as of June 20<sup>th</sup> when Hampton is no longer Hampton and becomes United Hook and Ladder, are the wheels still turning. Mr. Phillips stated emergency service will not cease.

Mr. Sauble made a motion to accept the administrative reports as submitted, second by Ms. Weaver; motion carried unanimously.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Neubaum stated it has been an uneventful month. Himself and Ms. Beard are currently finalizing a certification letter according to Township Ordinance for the fire at 505 Peepytown Road. Once completed, the letter will go to the insurance company and hopefully the bank will set aside some funds for potential cleanup of property. The Bank will be first payee. The Township can put a lien against the property also but the money that the township puts into the property it will be a while before the township receives any of those funds. Attorney Neubaum stated it could be a long time before the Township receives any of those funds.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Troy Lobaugh questioned Attorney Neubaum if there are any sidewalk ordinances in place. Attorney Neubaum stated not that he is aware of any existing properties. Both parties involved, The Lobaugh's and Megonnells, provided pictures of the sidewalks in question. Jeff Megonnell questioned Attorney Neubaum if vehicles can park on the sidewalk. Ms. Megonnell stated there is a car parking on the sidewalk on Stoney Point Road. Mr. Lobaugh stated the section that they are talking about is an apron and an access to their property. There was some contention between both parties. Chairman Holtzinger had to call the meeting back to order. Attorney Neubaum stated if it is outside of the right of way, it is Lobaugh's property.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm on a motion by Ms. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer