

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:10 pm by Paul Bart, Chairman. Supervisors Bob Zangueneh and Donald Kauffman were present with Chairman Bart presiding.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor; P. Eric Mains, Engineer; Gary Bullock, EMC; P.J. Trimmer, Hampton Fire Company; Troy Reeve, Lake Meade Fire & Rescue; Bill Ceravola, OIC; Pauline Brodbeck, Emmert and Pat Hartzell, Warren Steen and Marcia Weaver, Administrator/Treasurer.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bart announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss litigation matters involving the Wolf Road access to Lake Meade.

Minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Hartzell thanked the public works department and Officer Morehead for their quick response regarding vandalism to stop signs.

Mr. Bullock reported there were tens of thousands of dead fish in the Conewago Creek from the Miller Chemical fire in Conewago Township. There is now concern that if the nitrates get into the creek bed and vegetation grows, it will remove oxygen from the water. Reading Township was the only township to put up warning signs along the creek except for one sign on the community bulletin board in the Borough of East Berlin.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Plum Run Road – Liquid Fuels Project**

Mr. Mains is waiting for lab results from the geotechnical testing. He would like to open the bids on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. He will then have recommendations by the next board meeting.

**Posting & Bonding of Laughman's Bottom Roads**

The Board decided not to discuss the issue at this time.

**TREASURER REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

### Administration

- ~ A report submitted by Garry Wilt of his administrative activities over the last several weeks was reviewed. Mr. Wilt was highly commended for all his hard work and administrative skills.

### Police Report

- ~ Officer Ceravola reported the Body Camera Policy is in process. There are complications with the state's wire tap law.

### Fire Companies:

- ~ Mr. Hartzell provided the Board with a Report of Program Review containing numerous grants that have been awarded to the Hampton Fire Company.
- ~ Approval was given for the fire police to serve during Lake Meade's Fourth of July festivities on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.
- ~ There was discussion regarding the relocation of DCNR's Smokey the Bear sign.

The administrative reports were approved as submitted on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman, motion carried unanimously.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Church Lease Agreement

The lease agreement was revised to lower the rent to \$400/month and the tenant pays for the electric and fuel oil. The lease agreement was approved and signed on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

### Apple Valley Creamery/Abogar International Ministries 5-K Charity Run

A Certificate of liability insurance and PennDOT notification for the special event was received. A "Hold Harmless" agreement was signed by all parties and the event was approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

### Midland Asphalt Materials Inc.

The placement of tar and chip by Midland Asphalt Materials last year has not been satisfactory. Mr. Dissinger met with a representative from Midland Asphalt to inspect the roadways. It is agreed by the parties that the project completed last year is not aesthetically pleasing. However, Midland does not agree that all the aggregate did not adhere to the roadway surface. Attorney Neubaum advised that to remediate this issue, the Board needs to specify the steps Midland Asphalt needs to take to correct the roadway. Supervisor Kauffman, Mr. Dissinger and representatives from Midland Asphalt are to conduct another survey of the township.

### **Adams County Ag Land Preservation Program**

A letter dated June 1<sup>st</sup> from Ellen Dayhoff, Administrator for the Adams County Ag Land Preservation Board, was reviewed regarding possible upcoming easement acquisitions. Ms. Dayhoff was informed previously that the Supervisors would not be moving forward with any projects for 2015 as there were no funds budgeted to do so. However, they would like an approved motion noted in the minutes to allocate funds from the 2016 budget to move forward with appraising two farms for the land preservation program. The Board of Supervisors will not be planning the 2016 budget until the fall and did not want to make that commitment at this time due to more important needs.

### **Review of Township Policies**

Authorization was given for Attorney Neubaum to complete a legal review and update the township policies and establish a Child Protective Services Act policy, a Social Media Policy, an Anti-Harassment Policy and a Computer Use Policy on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

### **PennDot Update on Turning Lanes at Route 94 & 234**

Chairman Bart was informed by PennDot that they will be redesigning their traffic improvement plans to include turning lanes at both the Route 94 and Route 234 intersections. The project has been extended to 2017.

### **Adams County Council of Governments 2015 Legislative Priorities**

Chairman Bart discussed some of the state and federal legislative priority issues as established by the Adams County Council of Governments Legislative Affairs Committee. Mr. Bart also chairs this committee. The list is available on the township's web site.

### **Supervisors Expense Report**

An expense report, in the amount of \$40.25 for the month of May submitted by Chairman Bart, was approved on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

## **ORDINANCE HEARING**

### **Ordinance 2015-01: Amending Chapter 8 of Ordinance 2014-01 Governing Floodplains in the Township of Reading Code of Ordinances**

Attorney Neubaum stated the Ordinance would update Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances for Reading Township. All updates have been reviewed by the engineer and he recommends enactment by the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Bart closed the regular meeting and opened the Hearing for public comments. There was a brief discussion among the Board regarding a recent FEMA grant matter. Attorney Neubaum stated that Section 8503 has substantive changes in bold and creates more detailed standards about what happens when you reconstruct in the floodplain. There being no further comments, Chairman Bart closed the Hearing and re-opened the meeting. Ordinance 2015-01 was adopted on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- ~ Attorney Neubaum attended a conference in the court of common pleas of Adams County regarding the Wolf Road access to Lake Meade on May 29<sup>th</sup>. There was no immediate resolution to the civil matter.
- ~ A Conditional Use Hearing regarding the John E. Howe estate lot will be scheduled for next month's meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:55 pm on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia V. Weaver  
Administrator/Treasurer