**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Wes Thomason. Vice Chairman Jason Phillips and Mike Weigand were also present with Chairman Thomason presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith.

Trey Elrod, Gordon Brown, and Associates; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Jerry Shank, Planning Commission; Jason Grim, Public Works; Jeff and Luanne Megonnell, Kim Weigand, Rodney Hollabaugh, Gary Bullock, Vernon Grier, Kevin Holtzinger, Keith Bortner, Gary Myers, Emmert & Patty Harzell, Randy Hoover, Lee Melter, and Phil Garland

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board of Supervisors on January 24th for a virtual meeting with John Sheridan and Chris Savage to discuss the Texas Eastern Project to discuss 2 miles of natural gas pipeline that will be going through the Township.

Chairman Thomason and Supervisor Weigand met with PennDOT and developer on January 25th to discuss Conewago Ridge Development traffic study.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the January 15th, the Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved on a motion by Supervisor Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from February 1st, special meeting were approved on a motion by Supervisor Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**Hampton Heights Phase V-Revisiting possibility of Issuing Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, 4-6 lots to Berks Homes**

Mr. Garland would like the Board to reconsider issuing Temporary Certificates of Occupancy. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to amend previous Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Agreement to meet Hampton Heights Phase V issues for grading, driveways, and landscaping as well as-builts shall be submitted by July 1st of this year with a $5,000.00 bond per lot with the understanding that the homeowner shall not request permits for anything else including sheds, pools, or decks. The homeowners must be aware of the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and the agreement is not to exceed 6 lots, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**Chesterfield Subdivision Phasing Schedule acknowledgement**

The Board acknowledged receipt of Phasing Schedule.

**5150 Carlisle Pike, Church-1 month extension of Temporary Certificate of Occupancy**

Chairman Thomason made a motion to approve the 1-month extension of the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION**

**A Resolution appointing SEK as Reading Township’s Accounting Firm**

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15 appointing SEK as Reading Township’s Accounting Firm, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**business matters**

**Advertising for Aggregate bids**

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve advertising for aggregate bids, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**Advertising for Tar & Chip bids**

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve advertising for tar and chip, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**Acknowledge 2023 Planning Commission Report**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2023 Planning Commission Report.

**Updated zoning book, should they be available for purchase**

The Board of Supervisors authorized Attorney Smith to contact Adams County to see if she can get a copy of the Zoning Book in Word Document.

**Set Spring Clean-up for April 20, 2024**

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the Spring Clean-up for April 27th , second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**Addition of J.S. Septic to the On-Lot Haulers List**

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to add J.S. Septic to the On-Lot Haulers List, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**Emerett Hartzell-Proposed Brake Retarder Ordinance**

Mr. Hartzell is requesting the Township to see if there is anything that can be done concerning the brake retarders through Hampton. Attorney Smith stated Pennsylvania approved the use of Jake Brakes and the Township must write a letter to PennDOT to request them to see if the Township could prohibit the use of the jake brakes. If the PennDOT does approve the ordinance, the Township will be responsible for the enforcement and signs. The State Police will not enforce it. Supervisor Weigand made a motion to permit the public works department and the police department to work together to gather the segments of the roads and any other information needed to be sent to PennDOT, second by Supervisor Phillips; motion carried.

**Disposal of Brush Pile**

Chairman Thomason made a motion to approve E.B. Mulch to dispose of the mulch pile, second by Mr. Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**Acknowledge receipt of traffic study for a stop sign to be placed at the intersection of Lake Meade Drive/Mclellan Drive. Direction for the preparation of an ordinance to establish the stop condition**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Traffic Study. Supervisor Thomason made a motion for Attorney Smith to prepare the Ordinance for placement of signs at Mclellan and Lake Meade Drive, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of January were approved pending audit on a motion by Supervisor Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; 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, United Hook and Ladder and Heidlersburg Fire Company and the Liquid Fuels Audit.

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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Attorney Smith gave legislative and judicial updates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Holtzinger questioned the Board as to whether anything has been done with the Hampton Fire Hall. Chairman Thomason stated they are discussing upgrading the thermostats. The Township is still waiting for an answer on the grants that were applied for.

Mr. Grim asked if there was a rental price set yet. There has not been.

Mr. Myers asked where Conewago Ridge is. Chairman Thomason said it is at the corner of Peepytown Road and Route 234 on the west side.

Supervisor Weigand stated the fire companies are in desperate need of volunteer firefighters. He also stated there will be a recruitment retention drive at Bermudian Springs School District.

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:34 pm on a motion by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer