

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**July 19, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 5:59 pm by Kevin Holtzinger, Chairman. Vice Chairman Greg Heefner and Jason Phillips were present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith. Kevin Fox, Gannett Fleming; Gary Bullock, EMC; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; George Wolf, Katrina McClelland, Michael Clouser, Gary Myers and Jeff and Luanne Megonnell.

Pledge of Allegiance

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Consideration on the responsibility of landowners to remove, cut or trim grass, weeds and other vegetation in areas adjacent to public road rights-of-way and setting penalties for failure to do so.

Chairman Holtzinger opened the hearing for public comment.

Ms. McClelland questioned the Board whether this is for the whole township or just around the Hampton Round-a-Bout. It does apply to the whole township.

Chairman Holtzinger closed the public hearing.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Holtzinger thanked Mr. Bullock for helping direct traffic for Chairman Holtzinger's public sale.

## **MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 21, 2021, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Ms. Thornton resigned from Gannett Fleming. Mr. Kevin Fox will now be Reading Township Engineer.

The Board acknowledged the Shemon Property Phasing Schedule.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the signing of Ebersole non-building waiver, second by Mr. Heefner; motion carried unanimously.

### **Dollar General**

Mr. Fox stated the upper basin is not draining properly however the conservation district is fine with it. The Board stated it is concerning and it will need attention.

### **Chesterfield**

The sub-grade work is to begin on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Fox asked the Board what the engineering firm should observe during the process. The Board would like the procedures to be consistent with Hampton Heights process.

Chairman Holtzinger questioned Mr. Fox if any research was done on Jessica Drive rain garden. Mr. Fox stated what was designed was not what was constructed. If the contractor was going to change the design the plan should have come back to the township for approval. The township may need to go back to the developer's agreement for Phase III. Attorney Smith would like to know if this was tied into the financial security agreement and if it was released yet.

Attorney Smith would like the Boards authorization for all Storm Water Management plans be done by the engineering firm and not Land and Sea. Attorney Smith would also like the Board to Authorize Gannett Fleming to do all things regarding engineering without any special authorization from the Board. The Board gave authorization to both matters.

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **Resolution-Amended Budget to Reflect American Rescue Plan Act Funds**

Attorney Smith stated there needs to be a resolution to amend the budget based on changes due to the ARPA. Mr. Heefner made a motion to accept the amended budget resolution, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

### **State Law Act 50-Authorization to draft complaint Ordinance**

Attorney Smith would like authorization from the Board to draft an ordinance as they apply to cell towers, to help facilitate 5 G capabilities and regulations being set to present at the next meeting. Authorization was given.

### **Peepytown and East Berlin Road Intersection**

The township received a letter from Representative Torren Eckers office. The letter had two options to choose from concerning the Peepytown and East Berlin Road Intersection.

- 1) In the coming weeks **A NO LEFT** turn sign can be placed as a permanent change for the intersection **OR** temporary change if the decision is to construct a new intersection.  
(as mentioned in #2)
- 2) Change the intersection completely bringing it to a **< T >** through Kevin's property onto 234. This option could start as early as 2023 and completion could take until 2027. This time frame is obviously only if it gets approved and on the list for construction at that time. **There is no guarantee of an approval timeframe- please be understanding of that.** Cost for this project according to numbers at this time are in the range of 600,000.00.

The Board instructed Ms. Beard to notify Representative Eckers office to let them know the Township chooses option number two.

### **Approval to Sell Small Items**

Mr. Heefner made a motion to table the sale of small public work items due to a resolution that needs in place, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

### **Reapproval of Holtzinger**

#### **Plan #2021-02**

#### **Preliminary/Final Subdivision**

Chairman Holtzinger recused himself. The time clock has expired on the plan, so the Board needs to re-authorize the Ag Subdivision Plan #2021-02. A new plan will need signed. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve Plan #2021-02, second by Mr. Heefner; motion carried.

## **ORDINANCE**

### **Ordinance Providing for the Responsibility of Landowners to Remove, Cut or Trim Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation in Areas Adjacent to Public Road Rights-of Way and Setting Penalties for Failure to Do So**

Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve Ordinance #2021-03, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of June was approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; 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.

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

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### **Enacted Acts 65 & 34**

Act 34 relates to business license. A minor 18 years or younger operating a business no more than 84 hours a year, generating no more than \$5,000.00 a year unless its non-profit is exempt from acquiring a business license or permit.

Act 65 mandates a Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meeting is required to have an agenda posted 24 hours in advance to a meeting. It must be on website and door of meeting place. Copies must be made available to the public. Any item requiring action must be on the agenda 24 hours in advance. The agenda's must be specific on action items. It must be finalized 24 hours in advance.

These Acts will take effect the end of August.

### **American Rescue Act Plan-administration**

Attorney Smith stated new question and answer sheets are coming from the treasury every fifteen to twenty days. One of the rules is you may not recover costs prior to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Funds should be used for those less fortunate and impacted essential workers. Reports must be completed and must have a list of what the monies was spent on and an explanation on why it was used on that item. Sewer, water, stormwater and broadband are eligible. Records must be kept for five years. Reports are due in October. You can also use monies on administration and third-party contractors.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gerald Shank stated the grass is getting long at the abandoned house in Hampton.

Mike and Kelly Clouser, 259 Jessica Dr. had a sewer line break. They were instructed to attend the Reading Township Municipal Authority meeting on Monday at 3:30 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into an executive session at 7:58 pm on a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer