**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairman Kevin Holtzinger. Vice Chairman Wes Thomason and Jason Phillips were also present with Chairman Holtzinger 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, Mike and Kim Weigand, Jamie & Kathy Lehr, Phil Garland, Amanda Hollabaugh, Rodney Hollabaugh and Gary Bullock.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 12th, the office staff, and Chairman Holtzinger, Kevin Fox with Gannett Fleming, Trey Elrod and Byron Trout with Gordon Brown and Associates met to discuss the transfer of information to the new engineering firm.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the December 19th, Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the January 3rd, Reorganization meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jamie Lehr was present to discuss the two accidents at the Hampton Round-about where vehicles ran into his apartment building both times and were DUI cases. Mr. Lehr stated he told PennDOT and the Township that was going to happen when the round-about was being discussed. Chairman Holtzinger stated a letter was sent to PennDOT stating our concern and requesting pipe bollards be placed behind the sidewalk. The letter was also sent to Representative Torren Ecker to make him aware of the problem. Mr. Phillips would like the residents to call PennDOT hotline at 1-800 fix it to tell them something needs to be done. Officer Ceravola spoke to the local PennDOT district manager, and he said he has seen situations like this before and as long as the signage is in place like it should be he doesn’t believe they will do anything. The district manager’s superior told him they do not put barriers up to protect private property. It was also mentioned they can not design a road for a drunk driver. Attorney Smith does not agree with PennDOT stating it is to protect pedestrians as well. Chairman Holtzinger stated we have not received anything back from PennDOT yet, but we will stay on top of it and keep Representative Ecker aware of what is going on.

Jeff Megonnell stated it is not just drunk drivers that go fast at the round-about. At 6:00 in the morning cars are going at least 55. Also, some kids threw sneakers on a met-ed line.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**Hampton Heights Phase V Bond**

Mr. Garland submitted a Performance Bond to the Township in the amount of $436,941.12. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the Performance Bond, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Dollar General, Bond Release**

The Dollar General Project is complete and they have addressed the trash and drainage problem. Any further issues with trash will be addressed by the code enforcement officer. Mr. Phillips made a motion to release the bond in the amount of $15,719.00, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Bank Change due to interest rates**

Chairman Holtzinger had seen interest rates on CD’s higher at other banks then what the Township is currently receiving at ACNB. Ms. Beard presented the board with interest rates on for CD’s and Money Market from several other banks. Mr. Phillips made a motion to table the discussion until they have a chance to review the information given, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously. Ms. Beard will get the updated interest rates prior to the February Board of Supervisors meeting.

**Grants**

Mr. Elrod discussed a Federal Program Grant is for Transportation projects. There is $1.5 Billion available and is a competitive grant. It also is a very aggressive schedule and must be done by February 28th. Mr. Elrod stated it is going to be hard to meet that deadline. It is a full pay out loan and is a $1 million dollar minimum. Mr. Grim said Nell Road and Big Rock Road would qualify for that amount. Mr. Elrod is going to look further into the grant.

**Township Sign**

Ms. Beard received a quote for a sign to place on the township property which would resemble the sign in Jackson Township. The price given was $5280.00 and the size is 6’ x 4’ 6” x 17. The company is Total Identity Solutions. The Township received a donation of $1000.00 from New Enterprises to use towards a new sign. Mr. Phillips approved the purchase of the sign pending a proof from the vendor and whether the base is included in the measurements, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Confirming Appointment and Terms of Office to the**

**Lake Meade Municipal Authority-consideration and action.**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 Confirming Appointment and Terms of Office to the Lake Meade Municipal Authority with Cynthia Simpson completing Martin Scholand’s term, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Continuity of Government-consideration and action**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 Continuity of Government, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of December were approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; 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.

Chairman Holtzinger stated public works found a used 1000-gallon fuel tank that was approved for purchase at the December board meeting. The cost was less than what was originally approved. The tank is double walled which eliminated the spill containment. Officer Ceravola questioned why it was put in the parking lot and not out back. Mr. Grim stated the electrical unit was already there and it would have saved cost and there is a camara there. The Board would like the tank moved to the back of the building. A camera will need to be installed as well as electrical wiring which will be an additional cost.

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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Attorney Smith stated the American Rescue Plan Act Report must be filed in April.

Reminder the money the Township received from the Federal Government is their ARPA funds so the Township can put the money into the general fund and spend as the Township sees fit.

Attorney Smith discussed cases in the Commonwealth Court that she will follow.

Chairman Holtzinger received a phone call from William Hill, Engineer, concerning permits that are out there for future sewer plants to service Laughman’s Bottom. They are questioning if the Township is still considering a sewer plant in the future. DEP would like to know if they want to keep the permit open and keep paying for it or close it out. Since the Mandatory on-lot septic pumping ordinance was implemented, they are no longer considering the sewer plant. Attorney Smith stated she does not have enough information of the subject. She will call Mr. Hill to discuss. The Board would like to cancel the permit.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:27 pm on a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer