**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:02 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, Amanda Hollabaugh, Rodney Hollabaugh, George Wolf, Joe Musso and Andrew Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Sessions held January 16 after Regular BOS to discuss personnel, administrative fees dispute.

Board met with Public Works employee on January 24th.

Board met with Police Department to discuss Personnel matters on February 2nd.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the January 16th, Regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**John & Daniel Nell-consideration and action on DEP Planning Module**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to authorize Chairman Holtzinger to sign the DEP Planning Module on behalf of the Board, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried.

**Andato Subdivision Plan-1441 East Berlin Road**

**SALD #2023-01**

* **Waivers-Consideration and action**
* **Plan Approval-Consideration and action**

Mr. Elrod stated this subdivision plan is in Reading Township and Tyrone Township. The majority is on the Tyrone side and that is where construction will take place.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the waivers which were submitted on the letter dated February 13,2023 from Musso Development Services, with the section references which would be as follows:

* 22-306.A(13) Contour lines of appropriate vertical intervals must be shown on the plan. The applicants request the waiver because there is no development proposed withing Reading Township. The land is relatively flat farmland with no distinct features other than Plum Run.
* 22-306.A(14) The location and elevation of the benchmark to which contours refer should be shown on the plan. The applicants request this waiver because there is no development proposed within Reading Township and no need exists to refer to elevations.
* 22-403.2.C.2 Additional cartway width must be provided along East Berlin Road adjacent to the portion of the property in Reading Township. Widening of the road for a two-lot subdivision would be an unreasonable hardship on the applicant. There is no indication that Tyrone Township will require the same, as this request was not stated in their engineering reviews.

Second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the Andato Subdivision Plan with the outstanding comments from the Zoning Officers review letter dated January 30, 2023 and the Engineers review letter dated January 31, 2023 and the additional comment from the Engineer to add the cartway waiver to the notes on the face page of the plan and to add section reference for all three waivers, to check the survey closure, and payment of all administrative fees, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Hampton Heights Phase IV installation of hydrants on the northeast corner of Jessica Dr. and Amber View (already installed but not operational until approval from Township) and installation on the Southeast corner of Jessica Dr. and East Berlin Road**

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to table the approval of the hydrants until Mr. Elrod can research as to whether the hydrants were inspected, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

**Stoney Point Bridge Replacement update**

Mr. Elrod stated the preliminary plan for the Stoney Point Bridge Replacement is scheduled to be complete this year, the final plan in 2024 and construction is to begin in 2025.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Consideration and action on speed bump on Hampton Drive**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the purchase of removable speed bumps on Hampton Drive not to accede $2000.00, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Approve advertising for 2023 Aggregate bids**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve advertising for 2023 aggregate bids, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Approve advertising for 2023 Tar & Chip bids**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve advertising for 2023 aggregate bids, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Set Spring Cleanup for April 22, 2023**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve Spring Clean Up for April 22nd, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**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. Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to move 1 million dollars from the money market account into a 15 month CD at the interest rate of 4.35% from Members 1st conditioned upon the penalty terms of early withdrawal of the funds due to an emergency, second Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously. Ms. Beard will call Members First and gather information on penalties in the case of early withdrawal of funds out of the CD.

**Adopt Non-Uniform Pension Disclosure Statements**

The Board adopted the Non-Uniform Pension Disclosure Statements.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 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.

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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Attorney Smith stated she is working with Mr. Elrod to develop a new Stormwater management application form. There will be no erosion and sediment application.

Attorney Smith stated there are two State and Federal level updates she would like to give.

First is that the EPA amended the definition of what the jurisdiction of wetlands is. This comes up mainly in sub-division and land development plans. This is the fifth time it has been amended but was rejected each four times before this. It will be several years before it makes its way through the courts.

The state enacted late legislation last year to regulate self-driving vehicles. That legislation has preempted all municipalities from regulating self-driving vehicles on their roads.

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

Recreation Fees have no deadline anymore on when they have to be spent. It was previously three years.

Shemon Plan must be amended to comply with the current zoning regulations. The applicants engineer would like to meet with Attorney Smith and the township engineer to review what the plan should look like.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mike Weigand wanted to extend an invitation to Mr. Thomason and Mr. Phillips if they would like to contact him concerning his work history or medical history he is more than willing to discuss it with them. Mr. Holtzinger already took the liberty to talk to Latimore Township to discuss it with them.

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:37 pm into executive session on a motion by Mr. Thomason, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer