

REGULAR MEETING

June 21, 2021

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 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. Virginia Thornton, Gannett Fleming; Gary Bullock, EMC; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; and Jeff and Luanne Megonnell.

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a zoom meeting with PennDOT on June 22nd from 10:00 am until 11 am.

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 17, 2021, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ms. Thornton introduced her colleague, Kevin Fox, to the Board.

Ms. Thornton stated herself and Mr. Fox were at the township offices today to meet with Tianna Mummert, Administrative Assistant to review the procedure and steps for stormwater and grading plans. Ms. Thornton will submit a weekly report to Tianna of the grading permits Gannett Fleming is currently working on. Ms. Thornton also stated the stormwater BMPs for single family homes is not observed by the Township engineer but by the design engineer.

Chesterfield

Ms. Thornton stated some grading permits for Chesterfield have been submitted.

Hampton Heights

Chairman Holtzinger was contacted by the residents at 236 Jessica Drive with concerns on the rain garden on their property. Chairman Holtzinger spoke to the homeowners as well as Ms. Thornton and Attorney Smith. It is not the responsibility of the Township to correct this issue. Attorney Smith discussed the responsibilities and procedures. Ms. Thornton was informed of the concerns with the single-family BMP's and was requested to visit Hampton Heights to Investigate the concerns. The residents are concerned with the safety of the rain gardens. This is using a matter for the property owner and the design engineer. Ms. Thornton would like to take some time to investigate some options for the homeowners.

Attorney Smith would like the Boards approval to schedule a meeting with Ms. Mummert, Ms. Beard, Ms. Thornton and the Land and Sea to review the procedures and zoning applications and forms to go over steps and expectations and possible to eliminate some steps. The Board approved Attorney Smith's meeting.

Dollar General

Ms. Thornton stated nothing has been submitted to her office for review so she will be following up with them and see what the status is for the current as built. She also has not heard from the conservation district that anything was submitted to their office.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Amendment to Zoning Map

Application 2021-15

Kevin Holtzinger

South of 234

West of 70 Peepytown Road

Chairman Holtzinger recused himself. Attorney Smith stated he will need to furnish a recusal letter. Mr. Heefner set a hearing date of August 16, 2021, which will take place at 6:02 pm at the township offices. Approval was also given to advertise the public hearing. It will be in person only with written comments permitted. The application will be submitted to the Planning Commission and Adams County Planning for review.

Acknowledge receipt of Letter from Marty Scholand, Vice Chairman with LMMA

The Board acknowledged receiving a letter from Marty Scholand requesting a grant for updates to their system once the Township receives the American Rescue Plan funds.

Acknowledge receipt of Letter from Mark Wherley, Community Media

The Board acknowledged receiving an email from Mark Wheeler requesting a donation once the Township received the American Rescue Plan funds.

**Adams County Parks, Recreation and Green
Space Grant Program**

Ms. Beard received an email from Kelly Koch, Adams County Office of Planning and Development pertaining to an interest in developing a park and recreation project. Ms. Beard will be meeting with Ms. Koch on June 29th to discuss a possible walking trail at Hampton Heights Ball Field.

Acknowledge email from Smith Elliot & Kearns-American Rescue Plan

The Township received an email from Smith Elliot and Kearns stating their firm is available should any questions or concerns arise with the American Rescue Plan.

Adams County SPCA Donation Request

The Board tabled the request until further notice until the funds are received from the American Rescue Plan Act, and there is more clarity on what the funds may be used on.

Ordinance and Zoning Book Prices

Currently \$80 Proposed \$26.00

Mr. Heefner made a motion for to reduce the price of the Ordinance and Zoning Books and the Land Development Books to \$26.00 each, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

**Code Amendment-Responsibility for
Cutting Grass**

Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve advertisement for a public hearing on July 19th for a code amendment to provide for the responsibility of landowners to remove, cut or trim grass, weeds, and other vegetation in areas adjacent to public road rights-of-ways and setting penalties for failure to do so, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing application 2021-014

Tammy J. Person-Board Appearance

And

Zoning Hearing application 2021-016

Raymond Hackman-Board Appearance

Attorney Smith suggested to the Board, since they do not have any issues with either application, they do not need to appear at the Hearings.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2021-14

Revised Fee Schedule

The Board tabled resolution 2021-14.

Chairman Holtzinger stated he spoke to Robin Heyser-EBACC Board President, concerning the option the Board would like to choose from the letter that was given to them at the May Board of Supervisors Meeting. Ms. Beard will write a letter to Ms. Heyser stating the Board

will support EBACC implementing a capital campaign to pursue a new location and building and remain a supporting partner and continue to donate financially.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of May 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. Bullock, EMC, stated he obtained prices on 4 magnetic signs, \$75.70s and 250 business cards, \$7.50. Mr. Heefner approved Mr. Bullock purchasing the signs and business cards, Mr. Phillips second; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Holtzinger stated he sold his dairy farm and there will a public sale on July 9th. He stated he would donate to someone if they could help direct traffic due to the dangerous intersection. Mr. Bullock was going to see if he could find someone.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Clingan and Winand Subdivision

Attorney Smith stated the merger agreements have been completed.

Union Contracts

The union contracts are on hold at this time, and she requested an executive session after the meeting.

American Rescue Plan Act

Attorney Smith stated there will be money distributed to state and local government in response to the economic recovery of covid 19. She reviewed the application process and the difficulties some municipalities were having in the process. It will be distributed in two Increments and be based on population. Attorney Smith reviewed a question-and-answer list from the Department of Treasury as to what the funds can and cannot be used for.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerald Shank said he was told that Fish and Game were installing a pistol range. He will investigate it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into an executive session at 7:45 pm on a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer