

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2014**

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 Paul Bart, Chairman. Bob Zangueneh, Vice-Chairman and Supervisor Donald Kauffman were present with Chairman Bart presiding.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor; Eric Mains, Engineer; Marcia Weaver, Administrator/Treasurer; Bill Ceravola, OIC; Gary Bullock, EMC; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Judy Shemon, Reading Township Municipal Authority; Troy Reever, Lake Meade Fire & Rescue; Mike Thomas, East Berlin Fire Company; Pauline Brodbeck, and Emmert & Pat Hartzell.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Bullock.

Minutes of the April 21, 2014 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bullock noted a correction for the record in the minutes of the March 17, 2014 meeting. The word "Federation" should be changed to "Legislation" under Public Comments. The change was approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bart announced that the Board placed an advertisement in the Merchandiser for a Part-Time Secretary. A job description for the Part-Time Secretary position was approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hartzell stated that in years past, there was grant money available for recreation. The equipment is getting ragged and they are looking for funding. Chairman Bart encouraged him to check with the DCED as Mr. Raymond was successful in obtaining a recreation grant for the Borough of East Berlin. Mr. Zangueneh stated he is looking for input from the fire company for the upcoming budget and suggested purchasing bleachers for the ball field. Mr. Hartzell stated that \$3,500 is needed to replace the mower. Mr. Mains stated there may be matching grant money available through DCNR.

Mr. Zangueneh inquired about the position of the fire companies regarding the fire tax issue. Chairman Bart said it's important to remember that the township's real estate tax would have doubled if the fire tax had been enacted and that many of the numbers reported in the survey were incorrect. Mr. Shank stated that the Gettysburg Borough is requested Butler Township pay a percentage of the fire tax to them. Mr. Thomas expressed concern about decreased donations with the enactment of a fire tax.

Mr. Bullock stated that a medical director was found for the Hampton Fire Company and is the same one used by York Springs and Heidlersburg Fire Companies.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brough Hill Road Phase II Project

Mr. Mains reported the following bid results from the bid opening at 8:30 am this date:

Hempt Brothers Inc.	\$285,605
Kinsley Construction Inc.	\$246,662
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.	\$240,600

Mr. Mains was authorized to issue the Notice of Intent to Award to New Enterprise, Stone and Lime Co., Inc. for the Phase II – Brough Hill Road Resurfacing Project, for the bid amount of \$240,600, conditioned upon submission and acceptance of all necessary documents as outlined in the Bid Specifications, on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mains needs to know from Mr. Dissinger an approximate starting date. He is also working on updating the Construction Specifications Manual.

MISCELLANEOUS

Reading Township Municipal Authority Loan & Township Financial Report

Mr. Zangueneh stated that just as an accounting procedure, he now wants the Municipal Authority loan amount of \$99,925.64 paid to P & G Partners by check #13886 on 12/20/12 to be shown on the Township's monthly financial statement. The transaction was a loan, not a gift, and therefore should be recorded as such. As stated in the minute records of December 17, 2012, the loan was for two years and would be reimbursed when they received financing for the project. The Treasurer was approved to transfer the funds from a CD Account to the General Fund and issue payment to P&G Partners. The transaction took place as an expense and as a result does not show on the financial statement as a loan. Mrs. Shemon said she forwarded Mr. Zangueneh's e-mail messages onto their solicitor and that the matter will be discussed tomorrow evening at a special meeting arranged with the boards and their solicitor for this purpose.

Chairman Bart left the meeting at 6:30 pm to attend a prior engagement. Vice-Chairman Zangueneh presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Roger & Cindy Helmers/Flood Debris

Approval was given for the Helmer's to bring the flood debris to the township building and Neiderers Sanitation will be contacted for the pick-up.

Maggie Paulino, Church Building

Approval was given for Attorney Neubaum to extend the current lease agreement for an additional six month term on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried.

Hampton/Reading Township Community Yard Sale

Approval was given for the yard sale advertisement to be placed in the Merchandiser on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried.

Use of Non-Emergency Fire Police

Approval was given for the use of non-emergency fire police to serve during the Hampton Memorial Observance on Friday, May 23rd on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried.

Supervisor's Expense Statement

An expense statement submitted by Chairman Bart for the month of April in the amount of \$47.04 was approved on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried. An expense statement submitted by Mr. Zangueneh for the month of April in the amount of \$42.33 was approved on a motion by Mr. Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA

A proposal from Barry L. Keller, et al & Sonya Keller for addition to the Agricultural Security Area was received and acknowledged by the Board of Supervisors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of April was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Department Reports submitted from the Police, Public Works, Zoning & Code Enforcement and Building Inspector were approved as submitted, on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried.

Officer Ceravola reported that Officer Beyer broke a finger on his right hand and will be out of work for a minimum of four weeks. Weekend overtime was approved on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried. A vehicle was rescued from the water Friday night on South Browns Dam Drive at the end of Staub Road. No barricades were up and the vehicle went under the water. Attorney Neubaum recommended that the barricades be put up anytime flooding may occur. Supervisor Kauffman recommended that swing gates be put in place. The Hampton Fire Company, Lake Meade Fire & Rescue and the East Berlin Fire Company are the only fire companies in the county that are certified in water rescue.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Property Appraisals

Approval was given for Advantage Real Estate Advisors to also prepare a commercial property appraisal report for an amount not to exceed \$1,800 for the property currently used as a district court with associated land and located at 40 Church Road on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried. The appraisals of both the church and district court properties will provide a baseline amount to help the Board make proper decisions.

Adams County Tower Removal Agreement

The Adams County Tower Removal Agreement, as set forth in the Conditional Warrant to Confess Judgment, and Stormwater Management Agreement were approved on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried.

Gate at Emergency Vehicle Access off Wolf Road

Attorney Neubaum plans to file for a pre-trial conference within the next week or so.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia V. Weaver
Administrator/Treasurer