

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

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 Paul Bart, Chairman. Supervisor Donald Kauffman was absent. Bob Zangueneh, Vice Chairman, was present and Chairman Bart presided over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor; Eric Mains, Engineer; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; P.J. Trimmer, Hampton Fire Company; Pauline Brodbeck, Emmert and Pat Hartzell, Rosalie Taylor and Marcia Weaver, Administrator/Treasurer.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Having received no additions or corrections, the Minutes of the September 21st regular meeting were approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried.

Having received no additions or corrections, the Minutes of the October 5th budget workshop meeting were approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried. Mr. Zangueneh stated that we are anticipating a 7.15% increase in health care costs; a 30% increase per ton in road salt and an 11% increase in stone prices for the upcoming year.

Chairman Bart announced that the Board met in executive session on September 22nd at the request of the Teamsters Business Agent and September 29th regarding personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Shank inquired if the township received the mower yet. Ms. Weaver informed him that the mower finally arrived last week and that Mr. Grim had been mowing that day along Stoney Point Road.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Mains attended a storm water conference last week. The topics were related to climate changes and funding sources for storm water management.

The Plum Run Road resurfacing project was completed last week. Mr. Mains was on site today and was pleased with the outcome. He also stated that the base was in better condition than they had originally anticipated.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Recreation Park Discussion

Mr. Zangueneh stated that he had suggested purchasing property for a recreation park six years ago. There are numerous issues to be worked out including budgetary and long range planning matters along with legal and liability issues. Mr. Mains said that funding is still a viable option and suggested checking with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Mr. Bart suggested checking with Conewago Township regarding funding sources and their recreation park. Mr. Zangueneh said he is checking into the areas involving the Shemon Development and the Hampton Fire Company and plans to go out on site Thursday with Garry Wilt to see what options may be available.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rosalie Taylor Stoney Point Road

Ms. Taylor claimed she could not get out of her driveway during the Lake Meade yard sale. She had two vehicles towed. They have posted "No Parking" signs. She claims that the Lake Meade Property Owners Association told her to call the police. However, Ms. Taylor went on to say that the disruption is outside the Lake. Mr. Zangueneh said she should contact the police in order to have the vehicles removed. Traffic accidents are a concern also. Ms. Taylor wants the Lake to have someone direct traffic to parking areas as they enter, so those attending the yard sale park sensibly. Mr. Mains suggested the Lake may be able to access the lane to the Verizon tower. Mr. Trimmer suggested they apply ahead of time for a PennDot sign to warn motorists ahead of the traffic concerns.

2015 Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax to Fire Companies

The Township received \$36,341.57 for the 2015 Commonwealth allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Associations of the fire companies that serve within Reading Township. 40% of the funds were approved to be distributed to the Hampton Fire Company; 40% of the funds to the Lake Meade Fire & Rescue; and 20% of the funds to the East Berlin Liberty #1 Fire Company on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried.

J. P. Harris Associates, LLC

A three-year agreement for collecting 2015, 2016 and 2017 delinquent township per capita taxes was received from J.P. Harris Associates, LLC. Chairman Bart suggested discussing the matter with the York Adams Tax Bureau before signing the agreement. The matter was tabled until the next meeting on a motion by Mr. Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried.

PSATS Pension & Unemployment Group Trust Election of Members of Board of Trustees

The township received two ballots for board positions to the Board of Trustees of the Pension Trust and Unemployment Group Trust. The Board of Supervisors supports both candidates (Mr. Groves and Mr. Houck) for the two available board positions on a motion by Mr. Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Hampton Fire Company

Mr. Trimmer stated that the Township is required to have a fire company but not a police department. The fire companies are only getting a third of the funding that the police department receives. Chairman Bart said that funding for emergency services is the top legislative priority on the Council of Governments agenda. Addressing the breakdown in our recycling programs is second.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Policy Updates

Attorney Neubaum is working on updating the personnel policies and plans to have them all updated for enactment by the end of the year.

Request for Proposals for a Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

Eleven proposals have been received by the Township for the position of Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board. Attorney Neubaum recommends that the Board interview every applicant. Attorney Neubaum is to provide dates and times when he is available so the interviews can be scheduled with him present. The Zoning Hearing Board should be present also.

Wolf Road Access to Lake Meade

An agreement is being discussed and contacts will be made with all property owners involved with the access road to Lake Meade.

Radio Equipment Subscriber Agreement

The Radio Equipment Subscriber Agreement between the County of Adams and Reading Township was signed by Chairman Bart.

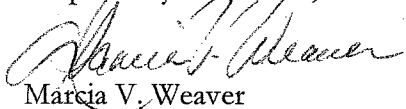
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments. Chairman Bart stated there will be a Council of Government's Legislative Forum meeting at 8:30 am on Thursday, October 22nd at the Emergency Services building. He also reported that the District Attorney is working with Cumberland Township to arrange a meeting with Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman to discuss school violence in light of recent school shootings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia V. Weaver
Administrator/Treasurer