**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 19, 2023**

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 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.

Jerry Shank, Planning Commission; Trey Elrod, Gordon Brown and Associates, Inc.; Jason Grim, Public Works; Andrew Miller, PMCA; Mike and Kim Weigand, Rodney Hollabaugh, George Wolf, Gary Bullock, Scott Gunnet, Hanover Land Services; Eli Stoltzfus, Ivan Stoltzfus, Jeff and Luanne Megonnell, and Steve Clingan.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The board held an executive session on 5/15 on possible litigation, personnel, and real estate purchase.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from May 15, 2023, Regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gerald Shank stated that Mike Thomas passed away and was very involved in our community over the years.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**Hampton Heights phasing schedule**

**(dated April 24, 2023)-consideration and action**

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged receiving the phasing schedule for Hampton Heights dated April 24, 2023.

**Chesterfield Phase 1 Request for performance security**

**reduction-consideration and action**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the surety for Chesterfield Phase I to be reduced in the amount of $598,750.82 with the remaining surety of $145,531.04, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Rutters #17**

**Revised Final Land Development Plan**

**Performance Security**

**consideration and action**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the proposed bond in the amount of $5,500.00 subject to final form reviewed by Attorney Smith, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**Ivan F. & Rebecca F. Stoltzfus**

**Final Subdivision Plan**

**SALD #2023-04**

**Plan consideration and action**

The Board acknowledged an extension letter for the plan to be submitted by July 17, 2023.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to conditionally approve the Stoltzfus Final Subdivision plan with the conditions met from the Engineers review letters dated May 31st and June 19, 2023 which are the following:

§22-310: The developer shall submit as-built plans prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy of the new building.

§22-516: The developer should provide financial security for public improvements.

§22-603: The developer shall pay all required fees prior to plan approval.

Pending the review of the revised storm water management plan that was submitted on June 12th and the revised plan that was submitted on June 15th by the township engineer, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Discussion on Mulch Pile-consideration and action**

Mr. Phillips stated he had a resident ask him why the Township does not stop taking mulch because it seems like it costs the township more to grind it up what it makes on bids.

Mr. Grim feels if they do not accept brush it will be thrown out on the side of the streets and the public works department will have to clean it up. Also, it is a service to the community and numerous people agreed.

Mr. Thomason made a motion to approve putting the mulch pile out on bids as done the previous time to be advertised and to be open at the July 17th, 2023 Board meeting, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

**210 Kuhn Fording Road**

**Request for help from Township on dumpster rental**

**or township helping with their dump truck-**

**consideration and action**

Mr. Thomason made a motion to approve the rental of a 30-yard container and for the public works department to help clean the property, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Holtzinger stated, when the weather is calling for heavy rains, the properties above 210 Kuhn Fording Road should be inspected to see if they have any debris by the creek and if so, notify Mr. Graham the code enforcement officer.

**Steve Clingan-1270 Fish & Game Road**

**Discussion on permitting delay for a pole building**

Mr. and Mrs. Clingan were present to voice their concerns on the permitting process and delay in getting their permit for the pole building that they wanted to build. They also stated PMCA told them they could not build the size pole building they had on their permit without engineer drawings which in turn could have cost them $7000.00 so they had to go to a smaller size to avoid the cost. They would just like the Board to know their frustration and to think about a better process to apply for and receive permits.

**Hampton Fire Company-Contribution to Fire Company for Renovations and purchase of new ovens for the fire company-consideration and action**

United Hook and Ladder will hold a special meeting for the members to consider donating the Hampton Fire Station to the Township. If that is approved the Township will donate to United Hook and Ladder to renovate the engine room at the Hampton Fire station. Mr. Thomason made a motion to approve the donation not to exceed $140,000.00, second by Chairman Holtzinger; motion carried. Mr. Phillips abstained.

**PennDOT Winter Maintenance service agreement**

**and Resolution-consideration and action**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve Chairman Holtzinger to sign the contract and resolution on behalf of the Board, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of May was 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, Heidlersburg and York Springs.

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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**Legislative update**

Attorney Smith stated the Core of Engineers adopted a much more aggressive definition of what constitutes wet land. Attorney Smith stated the Supreme Court undid that rule with the reason being they overreached with their rule.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mike Weigand**

Mr. Weigand stated he would like to acknowledge Officer Ceravola’s picture in the paper and commend him for taking a step to raise awareness for opioid use.

He would also like the Board to consider reviewing the fireworks ordinance that PSATS has furnished.

Mr. Megonnell questioned Mr. Miller, PMCA, if he needs a permit to replace the shingles on his garage roof. Mr. Miller stated if it is just the shingles and no structure work done, he does not need a permit. Attorney Smith stated Mr. Megonnell should also check with Adams County.

Mr. Megonnell also wanted to know if he tears a 12 x 14 deck down and replaces it with a bathroom, does he need a permit. Mr. Miller stated he will need a Zoning/Land Use permit and possibly a storm water management permit. He should also check with the County.

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm on a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer