

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2018**

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. Marcia Weaver, Vice-Chairperson and Gary Sauble, Supervisor were present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor, Malone & Neubaum; Eric Mains, Engineer, Gannett Fleming; Gary Bullock, Emergency Management Coordinator; Jason Grim, Public Works Department; Bill Ceravola Officer in Charge; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Jason Phillips, Tony Phillips, Emmert Hartzell Hampton Fire Company; Mike Thomas, East Berlin Fire Company; Greg Heefner and Dustin Avery, Lake Meade Fire and Rescue; Raymond Goukon, Community Media; Pauline Brodbeck, Diane Megonnell, Jeff Megonnell, Sue Myers, George Wolf, Christian Viands, Robert Elicker, Steve Dewiler, Lee Miller, John and Lisa Hanner, Zachary Taylor, Patricia Weimer, Richard Weimer, Alexis Gearhart, Austin Little, Barb Cookerly, Beth Trimmer, Josh Merani, Chuck Williams and Sue Schrum.

Chairman Holtzinger stated if there is any comments concerning Company 33 merger update and Hampton Fire Company there will be a special meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at which time they will be able to discuss those issues.

Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 special meeting were tabled until the November 19<sup>th</sup> regular Board of Supervisors meeting on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board met on September 27<sup>th</sup> with the Police Department to discuss personnel matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Robert Elicker**

1290 Fish & Game Road Concerns

Mr. John Hanner is curious as to where the residents and township are at and what steps need to be taken to correct the violations on Ron Hawks property at 1290 Fish and Game Road. Mr. Slothour, Land And Sea Services stated that the mobile home has been moved and he has spoken with Mr. Hawks to obtain his schedule of cleaning up his property. Mr. Hawks stated he is going to be making a second trip to clean up the property. Mr. Sothour has reached out to Mr. Hawks again but has not been able to talk to him. Attorney Neubaum stated there will have to be a list of zoning violations and a notice of violation will be sent to Mr. Hawks. The burden will be placed on him to respond. Mr. Wilt, Mr. Neubaum and Mr. Slothour will work together on this. Mr. Elicker stated Mr. Hawks is still moving things onto the property. Mr. Slothour stated once a violation is sent Mr. Hawks will have thirty days to respond. Failure to respond would lead to fines or straight to county court. Ms. Weaver made a motion to proceed with notice of violation, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**OLDS Ordinance**

Mr. Mains stated the end of the first district for the septic tank pumping cycle is approaching. Chairman Holtzinger stated only 52% of the residents have complied. Approval was given for Mr. Mains to develop a non-compliance list of names and a reminder notice will be sent.

**Revised Act 537 Plan**

Mr. Mains updated the Board on the Revised Act 537 Plan. Mr. Mains stated they are currently waiting on an evaluation from Penn Vest noting it is likely to go the same path as the USDA and find the plan is not affordable. Mr. Mains also stated the Reading Township Municipality Authority should examine the results of the septic tanks that were pumped and the number of malfunctions. This way they will have an idea of what is happening so they can go back to the Department of Environmental Protection as to whether they agree it needs something other than on-lot sewer. Deadline for the required response letter is December 1, 2018.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**2018 Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax to Fire Companies**

The Township received \$31,821.58 for the 2018 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 Ms. Weaver, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

**2018 Budgeted Contributions**

The 2018 contributions will be distributed as stated, except for Hampton Fire Companies \$26500.00 until a decision has been made on the merger situation, on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

**Flashing Warning Device Application**

**Resolution 2018-22**

Chairman Holtzinger stated PennDot is going to install a flashing warning light at SR 0234, East Berlin Road and SR 1007 Stoney Point Road. The Board of Supervisor reviewed the Resolution authorizing the township to submit the application to PennDot. Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-23, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

**Worker's Compensation Costs for the East Berlin Fire Company**

East Berlin Borough requested payment for Liberty Fire Company #1 Worker's Compensation Cost in the amount of \$6,355.47. The amount represents the percentage of calls in Reading Township for the fire company and ambulance service. Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to approve the Worker's Compensation payment to East Berlin Borough, seconded by Ms. Weaver; motion carried unanimously.

**Hampton Roundabout Maintenance Agreement**

Mr. Sauble made a motion to accept the Hampton Roundabout Maintenance Agreement, second by Ms. Weaver; motion carried unanimously.

**Company 32 Merger Update**

Mike Thomas, East Berlin Fire Company, stated they are waiting for the Attorney General and the Fire Company has been in contact with the attorney.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of September and General Fund Budget Quarterly report for the third quarter was approved pending audit, on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

The Board acknowledged receiving reports from the Police, Public Works, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, Emergency Management, Hampton Fire Company and East Berlin Fire Company for

the month of August. Lake Meade Municipal DCED Audit Report was also submitted. Officer in Charge Ceravola supplied the Board with a detailed report of the Officer's time for the month to address the concerns from August Board of Supervisors meeting. Jason Phillips, Vice President of Hampton Fire Company read a statement on the timeline of the recent merger meetings. Any discussion will be handled on October 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Also, Greg Heefner, Lake Meade Fire and Rescue, announced Mr. Tom Kittinger resigned as Chief of Company 26 due to personal issues. Mr. Heefner was unanimously voted in as Chief of Company 26. Chairman Holtzinger thanked Mr. Kittinger for his service and wished Mr. Heefner the best. Ms. Weaver made a motion to accept the administrative reports as submitted, second by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

#### **Update on Pentz Road Vacating**

Attorney Neubaum stated Ordinance, 2018-05 to vacate Pentz Road, will be advertised and ready for action at November 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tony Phillips, Hampton Fire Company, suggested the use of social media to post township events or announcements.

Raymond Goukon, a representative from Community Media South Central Pa Adams Community Television, said they have provided public education channel for the last thirty years. They are on Comcast channel 12 and 240. Mr. Goukon is requesting to speak at a planning commission meeting to speak on how paid channels are funded and what they have done for the community. Ms. Beard gave Mr. Goukon a business card so he can contact Mr. Wilt.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm on a motion by Mr. Sauble, seconded by Ms. Weaver, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer