**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 18, 2025**

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 Wes Thomason. Vice Chairman Jason Phillips and Supervisor Mike Weigand was also present with Chairman Thomason presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith.

Jerry Shank, Planning Commission; Jason Grim, Public Works; Kim Weigand, Gary Myers, Nancy Stimer, Rob and Jennifer Mounts, Rodney Hollabaugh, Matt Stare, Erica Duffy, Jeff and Luanne Megonnell, Charlie Walker, and Wanda Spahr.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BOS held an executive session (Holtzinger/Grier litigation, Commonwealth Court Appeal) and MDJ code enforcement pending code enforcement on July 21, 2025.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the July 21, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved with correction, on a motion by Vice Chairman Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

**Erica Duffy, Adams County Library System**

Ms. Duffy was present to give an update on the Adams County Library Systems. She stated Reading Township saved $298,542.00 in borrowing books from the library instead of purchasing books. They also just received 100 computers through a grant they applied for.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gerald Shank stated it was a fine job with the tar and chip on his road. He and his wife also use the library system.

Jeff Megonnell stated there is an 8’ x16’ piece of roof lying on the ballfield. There is also a piece of ¾” sharp metal sticking out of ground.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT AND PLANS**

**Charlie Walker, (Builder) 586 Lake Meade Dr.-**

**Certificate of Occupancy**

Mr. Walker was present to clarify why Mr. Elrod, Township Engineer, is requesting a flood plain permit for 586 Lake Meade Drive. Mr. Walker stated his opinion that the constructed infiltration basin in not required because the constructed deck is a pervious surface. Mr. Elrod asked if the design calculations incorrectly included the deck as an impervious area. Mr. Waler confirmed that they did. Mr. Elrod stated that if the designer submits corrected calculations that confirm that the project did not add more than 1,000 square feet of impervious area to the property, then the constructed infiltration basin could be removed and the floodplain development permit associated with repairs to said infiltration basin would not be required. Mr. Walker said that the corrected calculations would be submitted.

**Plan Withdraw-Final Subdivision Plan for Shirley J. Mummert**

The Board acknowledged the withdrawal of the final subdivision plan for Shirley J. Mummert.

**DRB Group- request for**

**Temporary U&Os for Chesterfield Lot 13**

Matt Stare is requesting a Temporary U&O for Chesterfield Lot 13. Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to authorize the issuance of the temporary occupancy permits pending the execution of the temporary occupancy permit agreement extension to the referred to May 32, 2026, and the stormwater, Supervisor Weigand seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Horizon Café’-PennDOT HOP update**

Mr. Elrod reviewed the HOP update for the Horizon Café. He stated that the driveway has sight distance given that a speed study done at the driveway shows the speed for most vehicles approaching from the round-a-bout are only 25 mph. Mr. Elrod stated that PennDOT has issued a second round of comments, and he would like to see those comments. Additionally, he said that the vehicles at the drive-thru window have to make a tight maneuver from the window to the exit, and this might be difficult for larger vehicles such as pick-up-trucks. He would like to see a turn analysis done to see if the vehicles can make the maneuver.

**Update on Lots 46 through 49 in Chesterfield**

**development drainage issue**

Mr. Elrod met on site with Blake Friese and the contractor to discuss the drainage issues with lots 46 through 49.

Below is a summary of the discussions:

* It appears that the berm constructed previously does not extend as far as was initially designed. This is probably due to an existing rock outcrop located in the path of the berm.
* The owner of Lot 46 was present and indicated that even during the intense rainfalls last year they did not experience erosion or flooding and that the runoff did not overtop the swale on the side of their residence and flow into the back yards of Lots 47 through 49. The lot owner said that the runoff was conveyed to the swale in the front yard as expected.
* Although the existing berm does not extend as far as designed, it is not clear that this has a negative impact on drainage in the back yards of Lots 47-48.
* The extent to which runoff bypasses the existing berm, if it does, needs to be determined.
* The existing berm is located within an area of thick vegetation that makes it very difficult to see small scale drainage patterns that determine if more runoff than expected flows down the embankment onto Lot 47.
* As a first step, DRB will clear/mow the vegetation in the area of the end the existing berm so that existing drainage patterns can be seen.
* There is some erosion in the rear yard of lot 47, but it is unclear whether this is due to excessive water velocity or lack of stabilization.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Camera addition for recycling center quote from Telecom**

Supervisor Weigand made a motion to approve the purchase of a camara for the new recycling building with a cost of $5,154.55, Second by Chairman Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of July were approved pending audit on a motion by Vice Chairman Phillips, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

Reports Provided:

* Monthly Reports
* Pension Audit Reports

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* Monthly Reports
* Treasurer’s report for July
* State Fund MM $460,442.75
* Money Market $1,640,684.97
* ARPA Fund $ 32,853.03
* General Fund: $188,836.21
* Total Income $109,233.76
* Total Expenses $ 124,101.99
* Net Income $ -14,868.23

\*\*Taxes paid in July totaling $13,657.00

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

The Board acknowledged receiving reports from the Police, Public Works, Building Inspector, Emergency Management and Northeast Adams Fire & EMS.

Vice Chairman Phillips made a motion to accept the Administrative Reports as presented, second by Supervisor Weigand; motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Attorney Smith gave updates on legislation and court opinions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Thomason stated the first budget workshop is scheduled for September 9 at 8:00 am.

Jason Grim stated when he was leaving the ballfield on Firehouse Alley, at the stop sign there was a large SUV parked in front of Little Italy, and he could not see to pull out. He stated someone is going to get hit there.

Jeff Megonnell stated the police report had 42 stops, and they have never had 42 stops before. He also stated when the Conewago Creek rises above the banks the water is always down the next day. When he was a kid when the Creek rose, it stayed up for a couple of days. He said the water is going somewhere.

**adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm on a motion by Vice Chairman Phillips, second by Chairman Thomason; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard

Secretary/Treasurer