

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 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; Gary Bullock, EMC; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Troy Reeve, Lake Meade Fire & Rescue; Mike Thomas, East Berlin Fire Company; Barb Mitchell and Emmert & Pat Hartzell.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the May 19, 2014 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Zangueneh stated that although the Board makes comments relative to subjects to be discussed, there is no realistic data that the fire tax would double the township's real estate tax. Mr. Bart explained that the proposed .25 millage fire tax would double the .258 millage rate of the township. The public is in support of a flat rate per capita tax and that administrative costs also need to be considered. Mr. Zangueneh stated that whatever formula is used can be debated.

Announcements

Chairman Bart announced that the Board met on the following dates:

- ~ May 20th to begin negotiations regarding the Public Works Collective Bargaining Contract that expires December 31st.
- ~ May 28th to discuss a personnel matter.
- ~ June 4th to review resumes for the Secretary position.
- ~ June 9th to conduct interviews for the Secretary position.

Chairman Bart also stated that the Board of Supervisors commends Ben Heefner, Lake Meade Fire & Rescue, for being recognized as "Emergency Medical Technician of the Year" by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A Letter of Commendation will be presented to Mr. Heefner by Chairman Bart at the July 9th Cruise-In Event to be held at the East Berlin VFW. Mr. Heefner selflessly volunteered his time to qualify as EMT and responded to the highest level of public service and call volume from Lake Meade Fire & Rescue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mains inquired if there was any response from PennDot regarding the Transportation Improvement Project. Mr. Hartzell expressed concern about additional traffic in the alley ways because people may try to avoid the Hampton

round-about. Ms. Mitchell requested a link be placed on the Township web site to the Transportation Improvement Plan on the County's web site.

Mr. Zangueneh stated that he wants a statement on the financial statement regarding the Reading Township Municipal Authority loan. Attorney Myers is to contact Attorney Neubaum to identify the language of the repayment. He also stated it is very important that the Township minutes reflect a matter involving the Lake Meade community and the outsourcing of security. Officer Ceravola and Officer Weigand met with the Traffic and Safety Committee and expressed reservations about outsourcing security. Chairman Bart stated that Reading Township will provide police support with any internal security choices that the Lake Meade Property Owners Association make.

Mr. Zangueneh thanked the fire company members who attend the Township's meetings and inquired if they were present as individuals or representing the fire companies. Mr. Thomas stated that the East Berlin Fire Company needs to purchase a new fire truck in the amount of \$532,000 if they pay up front to get a discount. A first-due engine is not to be more than 20 years old and their engine is a 1991 model.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brough Hill Road Phase II Project

Mr. Mains will issue the Notice to Proceed to Valley Quarries. The project should be finished by August 21st.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Certificates of Deposit

Several Certificates of Deposits matured at Susquehanna Bank with a renewal rate of only .2%. Approval was given to transfer the Certificates of Deposit to Adams County National Bank having a rate of .8% by Corporate Authorization Resolution 2014-17 on a motion by Mr. Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

2012 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Examination Report

The Examination Report of the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 was reviewed. The results of the Independent Auditor's Report disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Department Reports, for the month of May, 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

Church Lease Agreement

A six month extension for the church lease agreement was prepared by Attorney Neubaum. The Lease Agreement was approved and an early termination in favor of the Lessee was approved on a motion by Mr. Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously. No one from the church was present to sign the Lease Agreement.

Morning Hour Chapel

A Hold Harmless Agreement for the Morning Hour Chapel to hold a 5K Event on September 27th was approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

Karen Eakin, Township Secretary

Ms. Eakin was hired to fill the permanent part-time position of Township Secretary beginning June 17th at the rate of \$16.00 an hour for approximately 10-15 hours a week, without benefits on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

Draft 2015-2018 Adams County Transportation Improvement Plan

A copy of the plan was made available for public review and comments at the Township Office. Mr. Shank was given a copy of the plan for the Planning Commission's review and comments as they did not receive the plan at their regular meeting.

Supervisor's Expense Statement

An expense statement submitted by Chairman Bart for the month of May in the amount of \$20.16 was approved on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Property Appraisals

Advantage Real Estate Advisors have not yet submitted the commercial property appraisal reports. The appraisals of both the church and district court properties will provide a baseline amount to help the Board make proper decisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters on a motion by Mr. Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia V. Weaver
Administrator/Treasurer