

REGULAR MEETING

April 19, 2021

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 Kevin Holtzinger, Chairman. Vice Chairman Greg Heefner and Jason Phillips were present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith. Virginia Thornton, Gannett Fleming; Gary Bullock, EMC; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; John Goloneshi, Jeff and Louanne Megonnell.

Chairman Holtzinger thanked Mark Wheeler with Community Media who has been broadcasting the meetings.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on Ordinance to Rezone

Parcel No. 36J07-0024-000 from Land

Conservation to Moderate Density R-2

Chairman Holtzinger stated there were comment letters received from Marty Scholand, and Brian Rabena. There was also a letter received from Mr. John Biese with the Planning Commission but was referencing the wrong parcel.

Mr. Scott Dull, 453 Stoney Point Road, expressed his concern with the accidents that have been occurring in the township and the amount of traffic on the roads with all the new developing that has been happening and scheduled to occur.

Ms. Rosalie Taylor is concerned about the schools and the number of kids that will be attending the schools and she is worried the schools will not be able to handle the increase and in turn that will raise the school taxes to the residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board and Ms. Beard met on March 30th to conduct interviews for the Admin. Asst. position. Tiana Mummert was hired to fill the position.

The Board and Public Works met on April 8th to conduct interviews for part time to full time public works person. Austin Grim was hired to fill the position.

Signs are being placed in the township announcing the Spring Clean-up on May 1st from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Permits must be obtained at the township offices and there is no fee charged.

The Board will be meeting with PennDOT in the near future to discuss the intersection at Rt. 234, East Berlin Road, and Peepytown Road.

New Enterprises was awarded the bid for the project at Rt. 94 and Rt. 234. The project is scheduled to begin at the end of May and is going to take approximately 13 months.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Megonnell questioned the Board as to whether Stoney Point Road will be closed during the construction of water lines to Chesterfield. He is concerned about the traffic in the alleyways. Officer Ceravola stated he imagines they will just close one lane. Mr. Megonnell also asked who will be mowing the two and a half acres at the ballfield since the township now owns that property. The office staff will investigate that. Chairman Holtzinger stated the new backstops were installed at the ballfields.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Bond Release for Phase II Bond #1184176

Mr. Garland requested a bond release for Hampton Heights Phase II. Ms. Thornton stated the Public Works Department did a field visit and found no issues or deficiencies. Ms. Thornton recommends the bond release in the amount of \$108,649.72. Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to release the bond to Lexington Land Developers, second by Mr. Heefner; motion carried unanimously.

Lake Meade Municipal Authority Well No. 3 Uranium Treatment System Project SALD # 2021-01

Lake Meade Development/Lake Meade Drive East Berlin, PA 17316
Preliminary/Final Land Development Request for Sewage Planning Exemption
Waiver for SALDO 22-304

Mr. John Goloneshi, with Wm. F. Hill & Assoc., Inc. was representing the plan. A waiver has been requested from Section 22-304-preliminary plan submission due to minor construction. Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve waiver request from §22-304, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to conditionally approve the plan with the following conditions being met and the final review from Attorney Smith and Ms. Thornton.

1. A Sewage Facilities Planning Mailer should be received, reviewed, and evaluated by PA Department of Environmental Protection, as required by Section §22-306 B(10). We will defer to the Lake Meade Municipal Authority to process as appropriate.
2. §22-306.A(27) & (28) requires that all seals, certifications, and signatures shall be provided on the Plan Set in order to facilitate recordation of the Final Plan(s). All sheets to be recorded will need a separate signature block for the Board of Supervisors to sign.
3. An Operation and Maintenance agreement shall be provided for all permanent (Post Construction) stormwater management systems (§23-502) which shall provide a legal mechanism to ensure that the O&M obligations are adhered to. A copy of the O&M agreement should be recorded with the Lake Meade Municipal Authority owned adjacent lot (#967) as the BMPs(disconnection) are located on this lot.

Second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Rezoning Ordinance-continued consideration and action on Parcel No. 36J07-0024-000 (land Conservation to Moderate Density R-2)

Mr. Holtzinger recused himself. Mr. Heefner and Mr. Phillips are going to leave Parcel No. 36J07-0024-000 as is.

Adams County SPCA Donation Request

Mr. Phillips made a motion to table the request until more information is gathered, second by Mr. Heefner; motion carried unanimously.

Township Participation in Round 14 of the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program

Mr. Heefner made a motion to table to gather more information, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Central Penn Septic request to be on Septic haulers list for Reading Township

Mr. Heefner made a motion to approve Central Penn Septic to be added to the Septic Haulers list, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of March was approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Heefner, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously. The Board also acknowledged receiving the 2020 Township Audit Report from Smith Elliot and Kearns.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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

Chairman Holtzinger questioned Attorney Smith what the course of action is when there is something occurring in a location where the zoning does not allow what is taking place there. Attorney Smith stated the enforcement of the zoning ordinance is the zoning officer's responsibility. The occurrence is either brought to the zoning officers' attention by the municipality staff, a complaint that is brought forth by a citizen or direct observation of the zoning officer.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

American Rescue Plan Act

Attorney Smith stated there will be money distributed to state and local government in response to the economic recovery of covid 19. It will be distributed in two increments and be based on population. There will be certain guidelines on what the money can be used for and it must be documented.

Mobile Food Vendors

The township received a phone call this week concerning mobile food trucks and the rules pertaining to having them in the township. Attorney Smith stated it is up to a Municipality how to handle food trucks. It could go under the zoning ordinance, some use it as a licensing issue. If they are on a public road the municipality must deal with the people coming to purchase food on a public street. If the township does wish to allow food trucks the municipality must decide on what steps they would like to take.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm on a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Phillips; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer