

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 16, 2019**

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. Gary Sauble was present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting. Ms. Weaver, Vice Chairperson was absent from the meeting.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor, Malone & Neubaum; Eric Mains, Engineer, Gannett Fleming; Gary Bullock, Emergency Management Coordinator; Jason Grim, Kim Dissinger, Public Works Department; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Gerald Shank and John Biese, Alicia Wooters, Planning Commission; Mike Thomas, Northeast Adams Fire & EMS; Jason Phillips, Emmer Hartzell, United Hook and Ladder; Phil Garland, Lexington Land Developers Corp.; Pauline Brodbeck, Louanne and Jeff Megonnell, George Wolf, Chuck and Julie Williams, Nancy Sheely, Barry Weaver, Harold and Becky Ruppert, Scott Weaver, Bill and Tammy Cook, Lee Miller, Robby Sebright, Don Godfey, Bill Mudgett, Matt Mudgett, Troy Lobaugh, Becky and Mark Mitchell, Monica and Curt Schryver, Lee Miller, Clarence Wooters, Ben Hamm, Randy Hoover, Rodney Hollabaugh, Sue Myers,

Pledge of Allegiance led Chairman Holtzinger.

Minutes of August 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Sauble, seconded by Chairman Holtzinger; motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board met on September 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss Collective Bargaining agreements

The Board met in executive session on September 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss personnel matters

The Board met with Northeast Adams Fire & EMS on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss Big Rock Road

Vice Chairperson Marcia Weave submitted a resignation letter to the Board effective September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 which Chairman Holtzinger read to the public. Chairman Holtzinger thanked Ms. Weaver for her service and stated she will be missed. Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to accept Ms. Weaver's resignation letter from the Board of Supervisors effective September 16<sup>th</sup>, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robby Sebright presented and read a letter and petition opposing the rezoning of Chairman Holtzinger's land and asking for his resignation stating he no longer lives in Reading Township. Attorney Neubaum stated at the previous Planning Commission meeting they discussed the Planning Commission's recommendation on zoning district change and Chairman Holtzinger asked if they would reconsider other options. The Planning

Commission stated they would reconsider. Attorney Neubaum was going to contact the Adams County Office of Planning and Development and get their recommendation. Once the recommendation is received the Planning Commission will discuss and provide decision.

Rodney Hollabaugh questioned Officer Ceravola if he could get the number of accidents at the intersections on Route 234. Officer Ceravola stated he has already given the information to the Supervisors. Chairman Holtzinger stated a letter is going to be sent to PennDot, Representative Torren Ecker, Senator Doug Mastriano, and Andrew Merkel, Adams County Planning with the Townships concerns with the accidents at the intersections of Peepytown Road and Rt. 234, Stoney Point and Rt. 234 and Germany Road and Rt. 234. Mr. Hollabaugh also expressed concern of Chairman Holtzinger allowing a developer to develop his land he currently is selling. Mr. Hollabaugh is concerned about the amount of traffic that will increase. He also stated he opposed to the rezoning as a lot of people are in the room. Chairman Holtzinger stated he attended the Planning Commission Meeting and requested they take residential off the table and rezone it Commercial. He stated there is a business interested in buying his fifty-acre parcel. Mr. Hollabaugh asked how that would affect the traffic flow. Chairman Holtzinger replied if they can get a highway occupancy permit, they will be changing the direction of Stoney Point Road.

Monica Schryver questioned Chairman Holtzinger on how he plans on communicating to the public, so they have the correct facts. Chairman Holtzinger informed her to follow the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors Meetings. Ms. Schryver asked the Board if the Township has researched the open spaces program where the Township can consider buying the land from him.

Chairman Hotzinger stated, concerning the safety issues at the various intersections on 234, he has addressed PennDot to meet with him to discuss getting rid of the curve and some banking at Peepytown Road. Chairman Holtzinger stated he owns that land and is willing to work with PennDot for public safety.

Jeff Megonnell questioned the board whether the state will be fixing the holes in the road since the Hampton Round About was put on hold. Officer Ceravola stated he has contacted PennDot with the issue and is waiting to hear back. Emmert Hartzell also filed a complaint on PennDot's website.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Ordinance 2019-01 Establish Stop Sign at the intersection of McClellan Dr. and Curtis Dr.**

Mr. Mains stated he would like the Board to consider holding off on adopting the Ordinance to establish a stop sign at the intersection of McClellan Dr. and Curtis Dr. until they complete the required traffic engineering study necessary to make the posting enforceable. A brief discussion ensued regarding the need and intent of doing an engineering study. Mr. Mains stated there is a PennDot form, TE-108 traffic engineering work sheet, with a check list that must be completed to justify the proposed posting. Mr. Mains noted he has been in contact with Dottie at LMPOA to discuss the matter. Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to table the Ordinance to establish a stop sign at the intersection of McClellan Dr. and Curtis Dr. until next month and to authorize Mr. Mains to proceed with the necessary study (with

scope as outlined in the email provided to the Board in their packet), Mr. Sauble second; motion carried.

### **Road Dedication Hampton Heights Phase II**

Phil Garland, Lexington Land Developers was present of behalf on Hampton Heights Phase II. Mr. Garland provided the Board with the Deed of Dedication and necessary paperwork to turn over roads to the township for Hampton Heights Phase II.

Chairman Holtzinger stated there is an issue at the corner of Kimberly Lane and Amber view with a storm water drain. Mr. Garland stated he has agreed to take care of that issue and it is on the schedule. Chairman Holtzinger made a motion accept Resolution 2019-18 as set forth, adopting as a public road various streets and roads in Hampton Heights Sub-division in Reading Township effective September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Mr. Sauble second; motion carried.

### **Hampton Heights Bond Reduction Request**

Mr. Mains stated, with the action of the Board to accept dedication of Phase II there is no longer a need to hold a public improvements bond because there is now a maintenance bond for Phase II. The maintenance bond is fifteen percent of the public improvement bond that can be held for eighteen months. Mr. Sauble made a motion to release the bond reduction for Phase II, Chairman Holtzinger second; motion carried.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Appointment of Ms. Jacqueline King to join Jean Barnett Trone Memorial Library's Board of Trustees**

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to appoint Ms. Jacqueline King to the Board of Trustees for the Jean Barnett Trone Memorial Library, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried.

### **Trick or Treat Event**

Mr. Sauble made a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night to be held October 30th, 2019 for Hampton and Reading Township from 6-8 pm and to approve the use of Non-Emergency Fire Police to serve that night. Second by Chairman Holtzinger, motion passed unanimously.

### **Reading Township Municipal Authority Requesting the Amount for Engineer for Act 537 Plan Be applied to loan**

Reading Township Municipal Authority is going to be combining two of their loans to get a better interest rate and to save money. William Hill, WM. F. Hill & Assoc., Inc., has completed work in Reading Township and for Reading Township. Those invoices were paid by the Municipal Authority. They would like the amount of the invoices, \$11,514.26 be applied to the loan the Municipal Authority received from Reading Township for the Laughman's Bottom Loan.

### **Traffic Safety Concern**

Chairman Holtzinger read a letter that is being sent to Mike Keiser, PennDot, with traffic concerns the Board has with some intersections on Route 234. The letter included statistics of accidents that have occurred at these intersections. Carbon Copies of this letter will also be sent to Senator Doug Mastriano, Representative Torren Ecker and Andrew Merkel with Adams County Planning.

### **Acknowledge of Memorandum**

#### **From Ms. Weaver**

Chairman Holtzinger read a memorandum concerning a meeting Ms. Weaver attended with Emmert Hartzell concerning the ballfields and donations. Mr. Hartzell replied he does not agree with some statements made in the memorandum. Mr. Hartzell stated he returned a check for the \$10,000.00 that was given to Hampton Fire Company for the repairs to the roof that never occurred. He stated he felt that was the right thing to do. Mr. Hartzell was hoping the 2018 donation could be released to the fire company and that would have taken care of that portion of the Memorandum of Understanding between Hampton Fire Company and Reading Township. Mr. Hartzell would like to get the donations taken care of before the ballfields are turned over to the Township.

Jason Phillips stated he is tired of United Hook and Ladder being accused of breaking the memorandum of understanding. He stated the Board wanted \$300.00 a month for utilities which was not in the memorandum of understanding, so the Board is at fault for breaking the memorandum. Ms. Schryver asked if they ever discussed getting a mediator to help settle the situation.

Mr. Hartzell stated his thought is the building which is the sticking point. He stated he went to the Planning Commission to help decide what can be done with the building. He stated he thought there was some confusion in whether the Township really wanted the building.

Attorney Neubaum stated there are four separate parcels. One parcel is the land the fire station is located, one is the ballfields and the other two are the land surrounding the building. The deeds were ready for Mr. Bullock to sign over before the merger between Hampton and United Hook and Ladder legally merged. Attorney Neubaum stated the deeds are still in Hampton Fire Companies name and since they have merged with United Hook and Ladder, they are the owners of the property. Attorney Neubaum will have to research how to get the deeds to Reading Township when they say Hampton Fire Company. The ballfields can be separated from the rest of the property because it is a parcel on its own.

Alicia Wooters stated there are two people on the Planning Commission who are excited about the area being used for a rec park in Reading Township and she does not want to see the building get away.

Ms. Schryver questioned the Board if the money the Township receives in rec fees from the developers can be used toward the rec park. Chairman Holtzinger replied yes it can be, but it is only the new houses being built not the existing developments.

Mr. Hartzell would like to see the discussion continue and for the Board to think about the 2018 donations being released to the fire company.

Officer Ceravola stated he thinks it is a good idea to acquire the land, but the building would cost the Township too much to maintain.

Randy Hoover stated he does not think it is the Planning Commissions intent to make money off the building but to furnish the Township with a park for the Community.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of August was approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Sauble, seconded by Chairman Holtzinger; motion carried.

## **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 for the month of August.

### **Police Report**

Officer in Charge, Bill Ceravola supplied the Board with a detailed report of the Officer's time for the month of August. Officer Ceravola stated himself and Officer Morehead had driven 2377 miles, worked 346 hours with 14 hours personal time. 8 of those hours were DUI enforcement which is reimbursed by the state. The Officers were in Lake Meade 31 times. There were 151 calls, 32 traffic stops and there were 19 traffic citations, 4 criminal arrest. 3 of those arrests were DUI arrests and 1 warrant arrest. Officer Ceravola also submitted a report with the number of calls into county that went through the dispatch Center.

Mr. Sauble made a motion to accept the administrative reports as submitted, second by Chairman Holtzinger; motion carried.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### **Update on violation letter for property at 505 Peepytown Road**

The violation letter was sent certified and has been signed for.

### **Update on violation for property 5435 Carlisle Pike**

Attorney Neubaum stated the notice of violation was finalized with the constable and mailed to his address.

Mr. Hoover stated Mr. Miller was at the August meeting with a complaint about a safety issue and his complaint was addressed. He filed his complaint against the property at 5435 Carlisle Pike months ago and is still dealing with it.

Chairman Holtzinger stated he was in contact with Land and Sea and addressed the issue of the length of time the complaint has taken to be handled.

Bill Mudgett has concerns on the property at 505 Peepytown Road. He stated he lives behind the property and the property is not being cleaned and some of the debris is in his right of way. Mr. Mudgett would like to have an update on the cleanup. Attorney Neubaum state the violation letter was sent and received by the owner. She has so many days to clean her property and if it is not done it will then go to the magistrate. The property owner will then be asked to sign a written permission form for the Township to go on her property to

take care of the cleanup of the property. If she will not sign the judgement will go to the courthouse. Mr. Mudgett can remove the debris that is in his right of way. Mr. Hoover questioned the Board what the next step is after the paper was served to the property owner on Carlisle Pike. Ms. Beard will send Mr. Hoover a copy of the letter that was sent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Holtzinger addressed the question that was asked by Ms. Schryver earlier in the meeting concerning the Township buying private land. Attorney Neubaum stated he is not sure that the Township has the authority to purchase land for preservation purposes. Adams County has a program where they can purchase what is called an easement. This means they can purchase the rights to buy the land and it can only be used for farming. The Township can donate money to the County, but they decide what land they want to preserve.

Becky Mitchell, stated with the statics of calls given by Officer Ceravola and the growth of the Township, she asked if she can propose hiring more officers. Chairman Holtzinger stated it is being discussed.

Donald Godfrey question the Board as if there could be extra State Police coverage at the intersections on Route 234. Officer Ceravola stated he can certainly ask.

Mr. Godfrey also asked the Board if the Big Rock Road condition will support access of the fire company. Chairman Holtzinger stated they are looking into that.

Mr. Godfrey stated he would also like to know what the residential requirements are to serve on a Board and about the remark made earlier by Mr. Sebright of Chairman Holtzinger not residing in the Township. Chairman Holtzinger stated it is not an issue and he runs a business here, owns 250 acres and still has his address listed as Reading Township. He stated it is nobody's business where he sleeps at night.

Mr. Sebright would like to know how the third Supervisors position will be filled. Chairman Holtzinger stated the existing Board will appoint someone.

Ms. Schryver questioned Chairman Holtzinger what Zoning he is pursuing. Chairman Holtzinger stated he would like his land to be zoned Commercial.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm on a motion by Mr. Sauble, seconded by Chairman Holtzinger; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard  
Secretary/Treasurer