

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 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. Supervisors Bob Zangueneh and Donald Kauffman were present with Chairman Bart presiding.

Others in attendance included Victor Neubaum, Solicitor; Vince Wayne, Engineer; Marcia Weaver, Administrator/Treasurer; Bill Ceravola, Officer-In-Charge; Gary Bullock, EMC; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Nancy Stimer, Daniel Helman and Judy Shemon, Auditors; Troy Reeve, Lake Meade Fire & Rescue; Mike Thomas, East Berlin Fire Company; Harvey Stimer, Pauline Brodbeck, George Wolf, Emmert & Pat Hartzell, Sue Myers and Evelyn Howe.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February 17, 2014 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

- Chairman Bart announced that the Board postponed the purchase of the box type salt spreader for the Ford F550 until it can be included in the budget for next year.
- An emergency generator was purchased for approximately \$8,000. Although not budgeted, Mr. Zangueneh stated that due to the last power outage, there was concern that the Township Building needs to be used as a command center in case of an emergency for communications.
- The Board approved advertisement of the Administrator/Treasurer position. Ms. Weaver will continue to work for the Township with reduced hours as established by the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Bart discussed a recent letter received from Senator Alloway regarding the fuel tax increase to improve roads and bridges. Representative Tallman courageously stood in opposition of this tax, which is the second largest tax increase in Pennsylvania. Although more money has been allocated to our Liquid Fuels Fund and the prevailing wage limit was raised from \$25,000 to \$100,000; most of our road projects exceed the raised limit causing the township to still pay prevailing wages. Attorney Neubaum agreed, stating the tax will have a disproportionate effect on people of lower incomes.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously. Ms. Weaver stated that winter maintenance costs rose 87% from February of last year. Jason Grim will be attending a free two day training course that is required for the Township to receive funding for dirt, gravel and low volume paved roads. Training will be held at State College on April 22nd and 23rd and he will be staying one night in a hotel.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Authorization was given to move the handicapped parking beside the flag pole and to purchase a "Township/Police Vehicle Only" sign and install in place of the present handicapped parking sign on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports 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 unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brough Hill Road Phase II Project

Mr. Wayne reported that Mr. Mains will meet with Mr. Dissinger on Thursday to review the project details.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2014-16: Authorization to Execute Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) was adopted on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

2013 Department of Community Development (DCED) Report

The Board acknowledged receiving the 2013 DCED Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report completed by the Auditors.

Advertisement for Road Material Bids

Advertisements for road material bids of Aggregate, Emulsified Asphalt and Superpave were approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

Advertisement for Spring Clean-Up

Approval was given to advertise Spring Clean-Up Days to be held Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th, from 10 am to 2 pm on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously.

Annual Cleaning Estimate

An estimate from All Clean Building Maintenance for the annual cleaning of windows and flooring in the amount of \$449.00 was approved on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously. Price remains the same as last year.

Police Department Request for New Computer & Laptop

In a Memo dated March 3, 2014, Officer Ceravola requested the purchase of a new computer and laptop for an estimated amount of \$3,127.00 because the Pennsylvania State Police sent notice that effective April 8th, any agencies still using Windows XP will not be permitted to access the CLEAN/NCIC System. Mr. Bart stated that Windows 9 will not be released until this fall and that half of the life cycle of Windows 7 has been used. Approval was given to upgrade to Windows 7 for now and to consider budgeting hardware replacement with Windows 9 next spring on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.

Membership of the Adams Council of Governments

The membership to the Adams Council of Governments was withdrawn on a motion by Chairman Bart and seconded by Mr. Zangueneh; motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bart signed a letter to the Adams County Council of Governments regarding the Board's decision.

2013 Adams County Real Estate Market Report

The Board reviewed the 2013 Adams County Real Estate Market Report prepared by the Realtors® Association of York & Adams Counties, Inc.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Attorney Neubaum stated that the codification advertisement is in progress.
- The Adams County Tower Removal Agreement bonding terms are still under review.
- A quote from Advantage Real Estate Advisors to appraise the church property was approved for the amount not to exceed \$2,800 on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Mr. Kauffman; motion carried unanimously.
- Pleadings have been filed in the litigation matter involving the Wolf Road Access to Lake Meade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bullock stated that the Emergency Federation has imposed a bill in the amount of \$1,600/year on the Hampton Fire Company to have a medical director. The Federation also placed a cap on the amount of money they can give away on fund raisers. Mr. Reeve expressed concern that starting July 1st, the ambulance medic with the most training has to drive the ambulance. Both Mr. Bart and Mr. Bullock will talk with Representative Tallman regarding these issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:35 pm on a motion by Mr. Zangueneh and seconded by Chairman Bart; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia V. Weaver
Administrator/Treasurer