

**READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:06 pm by Kevin Holtzinger, Chairman. Marcia Weaver, Vice-Chairperson and Gary Sauble, Supervisor were present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over 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, Robert Anderson Public Works Department; Bill Ceravola Officer in Charge; John Biese and Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Jason Phillips, Emmert Hartzell Hampton Fire Company; Mike Thomas, East Berlin Fire Company; Greg Heefner and Dustin Avery, Troy Reeve, Lake Meade Fire and Rescue; Holly Fletcher, Gettysburg Times; Pauline Brodbeck, Diane Megonnell, Jeff Megonnell, LouAnne Megonnell, Sue Myers, George Wolf, Lorraine Ensor, Heather Viands, Robert Elicker, Steve Dewiler, Lee Miller, John and Lisa Hanner, Zachary Taylor, John Winand, Patricia Weimer, Richard Weimer, and Brian Stump.

Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of the August 20, 2018 regular meeting were approved with a correction on a motion by Ms. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the August 23, 2018 Special Budget meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Megonell, Stoney Point Road, questioned the Board if PennDot was contacted concerning lowering the speed limit to 35 mph from 40 mph on Stoney Point Road which was discussed at the August 20th Board of Supervisors meeting. Chairman Holtzinger will reach out to PennDot to see if the speed limit can be lowered now instead of after construction. Lee Miller wanted to know if coming into the Hunterstown Hampton Road would also be lowered. Ms. Beard stated PennDot is going to lower the speed limit on both roads after construction of the Hampton Roundabout.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Thomas & Tiffany Bross #2018-04
397 Round Hill Road
Final Subdivision Plan

The Planning Commission has reviewed this plan and recommends conditional approval as follows:

1. §22-306.A (27) & (28) the final plan must be signed prior to approval by the Township. All plans (2 papers and 2 Mylar) must have original signatures, seals and notarization to facilitate recordation of the final plan with the Adams County Recorder of Deeds Office.
2. §22-306.B(10) The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Request for a Non-Building (Form "B") waiver must be completed, signed and submitted to the Township office for processing.
3. §22-304.A (18) & §22-306.A (19) requires the proposed parcel be provided with at least one concrete monument on the plan.
4. §22-304.A(32) & §22-306.A(30) requires a note on the plan indicating that Reading Township, its agents and/or employees assume no liability with regards to the wetland analysis and delineations.
5. Lot Merger Agreements are required for the parcels. Notarized Agreements must be received by the Township and subsequently recorded in the Adams County Courthouse Miscellaneous Documents. Attorney Neubaum reviewed and approved the language of both Merger Agreements with it noted that he did not check deed calls property references, etc.; however, it was noted that the Board of Supervisors signature must be notarized.

Mr. Brown representing Thomas and Tiffany Bross stated all conditions have been met with the exception of number two. Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve Bross Sub-Division Plan #2018-04 pending the condition DEP receives Form B waiver, second by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

Randall Inskip

East Berlin Road – Reading Township Portion
Sewage Facility Planning Exemption Module

The Planning Commission received copies of the DEP Sewage Facility Planning Exemption Module for the parcel belonging to Randall Inskip along the East Berlin Road located in Tyrone Township, with the parcel owner requesting Sewage Exemption for the portion of the parcel that is located within Reading Township. The Planning Commission has recommended the Sewage Facility Planning Module proceed to the Board of Supervisors for subsequent review and consideration for approval. Ms. Weaver made a motion to submit the Randall Inskip sewage facilities module to DEP, second by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

Act 537 Plan

Mr. Mains updated the Board on the Act 537 Plan. Bill Hill, Reading Township Municipal Authority Engineer, stated to Mr. Mains, they are currently waiting for an evaluation from Penn Vest to see if there would be money available for this project. Mr. Mains also stated he is prepared to submit an annual report on the OLDS Ordinance to Department of Environmental Protection.

Acknowledgement of Chesterfield Timeline

The Planning Commission requested a timeline for the Chesterfield Development from the Developer specifically the water permits. The Board acknowledged receipt of that timeline.

MISCELLANEOUS

Robert Elicker

1290 Fish & Game Road Concerns

Mr. Elicker filed a complaint with the Township concerning the property at 1290 Fish & Game Road. Owner of this property is Ron Hawks. He stated there is a trailer on the property and is in the flood zone which he is living in with no septic system. He is also installing a driveway on the property with no permits. Mr. Elicker questioned the Board as to how long the Township is going to allow Mr. Hawks to reside in the trailer in those conditions. Chairman Holtzinger stated he received a report from Wilber Slouthour, Land and Sea Services, who handles the Township's complaints and permitting. Chairman Holtzinger read the report from Mr. Slouthour. The report stated that Mr. Hawks is in the process of cleaning up his new property. He stated he will be moving to Texas in the next three weeks and will be living between there and Pennsylvania. He plans on building a house in Reading Township. He stated the equipment should be moved within the next six weeks. Attorney Neubaum stated he will consult with Mr. Slouthour and ask for a list of the Ordinance Violations. The next step would be to send Mr. Hawks notice to correct the Ordinance Violations. If this is not completed it will go to County Court. Chairman Holtzinger thanked Mr. Elicker for coming in and submitting the complaint. Chairman Holtzinger will get in touch with Rusty Ryan, Adams County Conservation District, concerning the sewage issue on the property and Attorney Neubaum will contact Mr. Slouthour.

Petition

The Board acknowledged receipt of a Petition to Stop the Hampton Roundabout.

Trick or Treat Event

Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night to be held October 31st, 2018 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 Mr. Sauble, motion passed unanimously.

**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 Ms. Weaver, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of August was approved pending audit, on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The Board acknowledged receiving reports from the Police, Public Works, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, Emergency Management, Hampton Fire Company and East Berlin Fire Company for the month of August. Lake Meade Municipal DCED Audit Financial Report for 2017 was also submitted. Officer in Charge stated one DUI crash took nine hours and thirty five minutes of his time. He wanted to make the Board aware of the time it takes to deal with certain cases that are not shown on the monthly reports. Mr. Jeff Megonnell asked Officer Ceravola how the citations compared this month to the previous month. Chairman Holtzinger stated they almost doubled. Mr. Grim stated people dumping animal parts into the waterways have been identified by the camera's they have installed and have been turned over to the Game Warden. Ms. Weaver made a motion to accept the administrative reports as submitted, second by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

**Jason Phillips-Hampton Fire Company
Merger Update**

Mr. Phillips stated Hampton Fire Company members voted on how to precede with the merger decision on September 4th with United Hook and Ladder. The three choices were to merge with Northeast Adams Fire and Emergency Medical services, Company 32, which would include Lake Meade Fire and Rescue and East Berlin Fire Company. Option two was to merge with Company 33, New Oxford Hook and Ladder or Option three, remain independent as Hampton Fire Company for as long as possible. There were twenty nine members present and 28 votes were tallied by secret paper ballot. The President did not vote acting as a tie breaker. There were zero votes to merge with Northeast Adams, nineteen votes for United Hook and Ladder and nine votes to stay independent. The township was notified by letter on September 7th of their decision. Mr. Phillips presented a time line of events as they occurred. He stated Hampton Fire Company received a letter from the Board of Supervisors stating a timeline in change of box cards and funding if Hampton went ahead with the merger with New Oxford. Mr. Phillips stated Hampton Fire Company does not wish to continue this political disagreement, nor will they entertain it. He stated Hampton Fire Company is asking the Board to retract their decision to discontinue funding to Hampton Fire Company and allow the emergency response area that is currently served "first due" to remain intact. Chairman Holtzinger yielded to the Board for any comments.

Mr. Sauble stated that whenever Hampton Fire Company needed something they came to the Board and were never turned away, he questioned Mr. Phillips why the Fire Company is turning the Board down. Mr. Phillips stated that going with New Oxford is in the best option for their future.

Ms. Weaver stated she was impressed with United Hook & Ladder, however she respectfully disagrees that this merger is best for the Township. Her thoughts were that if Hampton merged with Lake Meade Fire & Rescue and East Berlin Fire Company, the Township would be better served united going into our future. She stated she does not understand why this division exists and asked Mr. Phillips for a reason. Mr. Phillips stated it's the decision of the membership. Ms. Weaver stated it just seems personal issues are involved. She said personal issues are not the issues of the taxpayers and those issues won't matter five to ten years from now. Once you turn Hampton over to United Hook & Ladder, it will never be Hampton (Company 10) again. She inquired what happens later if the membership decides it is not happy with United Hook & Ladder. Mr. Phillips replied that they are making that commitment.

Mr. Sauble said he can't see funding United Hook & Ladder when Hampton should unite the Township by joining Lake Meade Fire & Rescue and East Berlin Fire Company. Mr. Phillips stated that in previous discussions the money was to stay in Hampton for ten years.

Chairman Holtzinger questioned Mr. Phillips what plan B is. Mr. Bullock stated when their workman's comp runs out they will be locking the doors. Ms. Weaver states as long as they are a fire company in the Township, the workers comp will continue to be paid. Chairman Holtzinger is concerned by the limited number of membership that showed up to vote. Mr. Bullock accused the Board of violating the Sunshine Law when the decision was made not to fund Hampton Fire Company if they merge with United Hook and Ladder.

Attorney Neubaum stated he recalls they voted on it and if Mr. Bullock has a complaint he should put it in writing and send it to the state, and then it will be dealt with at that time. Ms. Weaver questioned Mr. Phillips as to what will happen to the ball field. Mr. Bullock responded the ball fields and building will stay with them. Mr. Phillips stated he wants to work together. Mr. Lee Miller asked why go from Hampton Fire Company to Company 33 (United Hook & Ladder)? Mr. Bullock stated they run the fire company like a business and they replace their equipment every five years. Mr. Miller asked why can't Hampton Fire Company stand on its own as it did all these years and what justifies the merger? Mr. Bullock replied because Hampton does not receive the support from the community like they once had. Chairman Holtzinger wondered if United Hook and Ladder would accept Hampton without any funding. Mr. Phillips stated they will work through that as part of the agreement as long as the township is willing to work with them. Chairman Holtzinger stated he is not clear on what he is saying. Mr. Phillips responded, they still need to work through budgeting and funding. Mr. Bullock stated they would like the township to fund them with \$62,000 a year and that money would stay in the township. Dustin Avery stated Lake Meade Fire and Rescue has never gone to the township for any additional funding. He stated it is easy for United Hook and Ladder to make a five year plan on purchasing trucks when they are getting that kind of money from the township. He also stated it is difficult for all fire companies to get volunteers it is not just Hampton. Mr. Avery said there are no ill feelings towards Hampton Fire Company and he would have liked them to join Lake Meade and East Berlin and wishes they would reconsider. He stated it would have been nice for their kids to grow up together. Mr. Avery stated if Hampton would have merged with them, Hampton would have had some improvements. Mr. Avery stated he tries not to take it personal but he feels like it is personal. The Board thanked Mr. Avery for his comments. Chairman Holtzinger stated Hampton bought a truck in 2005 for \$300,000.00 that the township endorsed. Hampton signed an agreement to repay the loan. The township proceeded to pay the loan when Hampton could not make the payments. Chairman Holtzinger presented a sheet with the monies that was given to Hampton since 2004. He stated he has none for East Berlin and Lake Meade.

Chairman Holtzinger stated the Board has met with United Hook and Ladder and the Board has to make the right decision for Reading Township. He does not like the idea of a fire tax and giving the amount of money that United is asking for.

Mr. Phillips asked the Board to reconsider their decision and revisit it again and requests another meeting to review the Board's decision.

Chairman Holtzinger stated the Board will discuss arranging with Hampton at the Budget meeting on September 20th.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Hampton Roundabout Maintenance Agreement

Randy Hoover, 5445 Carlisle Pike, stated he has drainage issues on his property and it is much worse with heavy rains and he is concerned when the roundabout is constructed the drainage problem will increase. Mr. Dissinger also expressed his concerns with the drainage issue and sidewalk maintenance. The Maintenance Agreement was tabled so Chairman Holtzinger can contact PennDot with the concerns Mr. Hoover and Mr. Dissinger have concerns pertaining to sidewalk maintenance and drainage issues. Ms. Weaver made a motion to table the Agreement until the September 20th budget meeting, second by Mr. Sauble, motion carried unanimously.

Update on Pentz Road Vacating

Attorney Neubaum submitted proposed Ordinance, 2018-05 to vacate Pentz Road. Approval was given to advertise Ordinance 2018-05 for enactment at the October 15th meeting on a motion by Ms. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

Eric Klinedinst Zoning Appeal

Attorney Neubaum stated Mr. Klinedinst filed an appeal to the Commonwealth Court after the Judge upheld the Zoning Hearing Board decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm on a motion by Mr. Sauble, seconded by Ms. Weaver, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer