

READING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:04 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, Bob Anderson Public Works Department; Greg Morehead Police Officer; Gerald Shank, Planning Commission; Mike Thomas, Dustin Avery, Greg Heefner, Northeast Adams Fire & EMS; Jason Phillips, Hampton Fire Company; Wilbur Slothour, Land and Sea Services; Pauline Brodbeck, Sue Myers, Barry Weaver, Louanne & Jeff Megonnell, Gail Bixler, Amanda Gerringer, Dean Wonders Jr., Mark Mitchell and Jackie King.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Holtzinger.

Minutes of March 18th, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Weaver, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

March 26th, The Board met with Kevin Moul and the membership of Hampton Fire Company at the Township Building.

April 4th, The Board met at the Township Office to discuss Personnel matters.

April 6th, The Board met at the Hampton Fire Company to complete the first of two walk-throughs prior to the deed transfer.

April 10th, Ms. Weaver attended a Council of Governments Committee meeting at the Adams County EMS center regarding cable franchise negotiations. Ms. Weaver stated the Committee has decided to talk to the law firm of Salzman Hughes. A meeting will be held at Liberty Township, the date has not been decided. The Committee will be discussing collaboration of Municipalities working together to try to save money on negotiating the franchise agreement with Comcast Cable.

Public Comments

Gerald Shank stated, he noticed under the fine section of the newspaper, Oxford Township are also starting the fine process for residents who have not had their septic system pumped.

Emmert Hartzell stated, on Saturday morning the Bermudian Springs Baseball Association had their opening ceremonies. Mr. Hartzell presented the Board with pictures of the ceremonies. Mr. Hartzell stated he spoke to one of the coaches who said there are anywhere

between 14-17 teams with 10 players on each team. There are approximately 170 children that are using the ballfields.

Engineers Report

Mr. Mains stated himself and Attorney Neubaum worked together to draft a letter that was sent to the Shemon Property developers informing them they are subject to Ordinance 2019-01, dedication of recreation land, or payment of fee in lieu of land dedication.

Reading Township is currently working through District 2 of the On-Lot Septic Ordinance.

Chairman Holtzinger requested Mr. Mains to move forward with the abandonment of sections of Big Rock Road and Bakers School Road. Mr. Mains stated he will need the exact sections of the roads to be abandoned and he will contact a local surveyor and request a quote on a survey.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wilbur Slouthour-Land & Sea Service Violation Letters

Mr. Slothour stated there were several violation notices sent to residents in Reading Township. He stated there has been a lot of progress on most of the properties that received the notices. However, the property on 1115 Turkey Pit Road violation concerning too many vehicles is still a work in progress. Mr. Slothour stated they have received a letter from the owner of the property saying they have removed some of the vehicles and the ones that are still on the property are legal. Mr. Slothour has no way of checking if that is the case, so he requests Officer Morehead do some investigating to see if they are legal.

Executive Team for Hampton Heights HOA Old Log House Road

Gail Bixler was present representing the Hampton Heights Home Owners Association. Ms. Bixler stated the HOA was very disappointed last year when the Board of Supervisors refused to pay for Hampton Heights Fire Hydrants. The Executive Team then heard there was going to be \$81,000 spent on Old Log House Road for road improvements and a turnaround for the six people that live on that road. Ms. Bixler stated they do not understand why the Township would spend that kind of money for six people but will not spend \$2000 a year for their fire hydrants. Chairman Holtzinger explained to Ms. Bixler that the Township works from two accounts, the Liquid Fuels account and the General fund account. He explained the Liquid Fuels account is strictly used for roads and equipment. Mr. Grim, Public Works, stated the turn around was going to be put in regardless so it made more sense to pave the road leading up to the turnaround. It also would be more cost effective than to have the road work completed at another time. Ms. Weaver stated, her husband and herself donated land to the Township so the turnaround could be done properly. Mr. Mitchell questioned the Board as to whether down the road the Board may decide to pay the hydrant bills for the development. Chairman Holtzinger stated there are

no plans in the future to change their decision. Attorney Neubaum stated it is the responsibility of the Township to maintain roads. It is their responsibility to provide service to everyone equally.

Approval of Advertisement of Community Yard Sale

Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve the advertisement of the Reading Township Community Yard Sale and Lake Meade Exclusion for June 28th & 29th, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

Kyocera Repair/Replacement Proposal

Chairman Holtzinger stated the current copier in the Township Office is eight years old and has made over 300,000 copies and over 100,000 scans. Mr. Wilt provided the Board with five estimates to replace the current copier. Based on the information presented to the Board, Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve the Toshiba 3515AC through Doceo Company with a price of \$3,975.00 to include a maintenance contract for \$640.00 annually to be replaced at the discretion of Mr. Wilt and Ms. Beard, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-14

Opposition to the House Bill 349, and similar Legislation, Mandating Municipalities to Hire Multiple Third-Party Agencies for Uniform Construction Code Services. Ms. Weaver made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-14, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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 and United Hook and Ladder for the month of March.

Police Report

Officer Greg Morehead supplied the Board with a detailed report of the Officer's time for the month of March. Officer Morehead stated himself and Officer in Charge Bill Ceravola had driven 1935 miles, 240 hours worked, 25 shifts, 4 hours overtime for DUI check point and 52 hours vacation used. The Officers were in Lake Meade 29 times. There were 130 calls, 34 traffic stops, 22 traffic violations and 12 warnings. There was 1 disorderly conduct, 1 DUI arrest and 1 for juvenile terroristic threats. Chairman Holtzinger thanked Officer Morehead for stepping up their game and issuing more citations. Chairman Holtzinger also stated Mr. Dissinger informed him there are some roads the Police cannot enforce speed because there is no Ordinance establishing a speed limit. Office Morehead stated it also applies to stop signs. The Board would like the Public Works and Police Department to provide a list of roads which would require an Ordinance.

Emergency Management and Fire Companies Reports

Chairman Holtzinger thanked them for their service.

Dean Wonders-Questioned the Board whether there is an Ambulance Club Fee in the Township? Dustin Avery stated, Mr. Wonders would be in Northeast Adams Territory and their mailing just went out.

Mr. Sauble made a motion to accept the administrative reports as submitted, second by Ms. Weaver; motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Approval to Advertise Noxious Weed Ordinance

Ms. Weaver made a motion to authorize the advertisement of proposed Ordinance 2019-02 for action at the May Board of Supervisors Meeting to be held May 20th, 2019 at 6:00 pm, second by Mr. Sauble; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, on a motion by Mr. Sauble, seconded by Ms. Weaver; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer