

**TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**March 21st, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Daniel Giebel called the meeting to order on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Roll Call**

Indicated Commissioner Dan Giebel, Commissioner John Kaib, Commissioner Sharon Sweeney, Commissioner Ed Vincent, Manager Natalie Thiess, Solicitor Nate Boring and Engineer Gordon Taylor were all present. Commissioner Ron Neurohr was present via phone.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Dan Giebel opened the meeting to public comment on the agenda.

Howard Ondeck, 840 Geyer Rd Extension

- Concerned with the increased density resulting from the proposed zoning amendment.
- The development will increase traffic along Geyer Road, sharing concerns regarding public safety. Mr. Ondeck raised concerns that newly created traffic issues on Geyer Road will have to be addressed by the State rather than the Township as it is a State road.
- Spoke of the proposed Amani townhouse development on Wible Run in Shaler being stalled due to the Allegheny County Conservation District denying the developer's stormwater management permit application.
- Requests a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Assessment before voting on the proposed zoning amendment.
- Suggests the Township require the developer to provide a letter guaranteeing they adhere to certain conditions before passing the zoning amendment.

Jason Romanus, 815 Geyer Rd

- Mr. Romanus stated he and his neighbors were not aware of the zoning amendment until approached by Howard Ondeck.
- Traffic is heavy on Geyer Rd and residents have difficulty pulling out of driveways.
- Geyer Road residents are not in support of the new development.
- The townhomes will increase the amount of people living on Geyer Road and shared his concerns with increase of traffic.

Adarryl Dreher (Amani Development) 606 Liberty Ave PGH PA 15222

- A traffic study has been done, water pressure and flow was tested for additional water service lines, and the company will have a stormwater management plan in place along with a PennDOT Highway Occupancy study.
- Mr. Dreher confirms the Wible Run project has been delayed due to challenges with his stormwater management plan but says this has zero impact on the project in Reserve.
- The residents' concerns regarding Geyer Rd will be addressed with PennDOT.
- The township will receive all of Amani's reports discussed during public comments once the project has been fully submitted.

Daniel Cromeans, 2101 Lonsdale St.

- Mr. Cromeans questioned whether all the zoning for Reserve will be reworded. Solicitor Boring explained that the clarification of terms will affect the entire township.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner John Kaib made the motion for the Approval of Consent Agenda as submitted, with a second by Commissioner Ron Neurohr. All in favor. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED**

Commissioner John Kaib made the motion for the Approval of Resolution 740-22, Appointing Reserve Township Fire Police, with a second by Commissioner Sharon Sweeney. Roll call All in favor. Motion carries.

**ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED**

None

**ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED**

Commissioner Ron Neurohr made the motion to approve Ordinance 688, Zoning Amendment redistricting north section of the Township from R-1 Single-Household to an R-3 Multi-Household Residential District, amending definitions, amending the use table and schedule, with a second by John Kaib. Roll-Call Vote; Commissioner Sweeney: Aye, Commissioner Vincent: Aye, Commissioner Kaib: Aye, Commissioner Giebel: Aye and Commissioner Neurohr: Aye. All in favor. Motion carries.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMISSIONER SWEENEY** – The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, from 11am to 1pm. Please register through the Township Office.

State Senator Wayne Fontana will host a Safe Driving for Seniors class at the Firehall on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Participants can receive a 5% discount on insurance. Cost is \$16 and is for seniors 55 and over.

**COMMISSIONER VINCENT – None****COMMISSIONER KAIB –**

Inquired about the paving project to which Ms. Thiess replied Reserve could add on to Ross Township's Shield's Paving contract up to \$150,000. Paving would include Joyce Dr, Wohleber St, and various spot repairs from water main breaks on State or County roads.

**COMMISSIONER GIEBEL –**

Logan St is closed from Pittview to Millvale due to a PWSA water line leak.

A resident asked if Mt. Troy is a Township Road and whether cold patch could be used as it is need of repairs. Ms. Thiess stated the damaged portion of the road is a State Road (where Mt. Troy meets Rialto St) and PWSA is responsible to make the necessary repairs.

Commissioner Giebel read the February Police Report.

**COMMISSIONER NEUROHR – none****MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Ms. Thiess stated the Police Department requested to replace the outdated tasers. The cost of 3 new Tasers will be \$9,776.75 per year with a five-year payment plan. Sargent Morgan reviewed the reasons why the department needs to replace the tasers. There were no objections by the Board of Commissioners to purchase the three tasers.
2. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Allegheny County will begin a culvert replacement project for their Stanton Ave G17 Project, which will include road closures on Hoffman Road. The Township will be replacing the water line in the area, as well as all other utilities in the area will be replacing their respective utility lines.
3. A street opening permit from Peoples Gas been submitted and approved for Arlor Drive. It was requested that the Township and residents will be notified before work on Arlor Drive begins.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Taylor announced that the CDBG Year 47 Bid Opening will be March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for the stormwater sewer improvements on Karen and Arlington. A special meeting will be held at a legally advertised special meeting April 4, 2022 to approve the bids for each project.
2. Alcosan has hired a contractor to perform night infiltration and flow studies in four specific areas of the Township. The Township can utilize the results of the study to create projects based on the flow monitoring. The Township is saving approximately \$100,000 because Alcosan is contracting the study of flow monitoring to identify infiltration in sewer lines.

3. The Minnefield demolition on Mt Troy Rd has been completed. The Hoffman Rd property demolition has yet to be scheduled.
4. The Phase 3 Irwin Lane project should begin in June with the work being done by Gillette Contactors.

**GIRTYS RUN REPORT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS****Tim Gapsky-Shaler Area High School Director**

Shaler Area 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration will include storytelling, a Scavenger Hunt in April, and a Festival (June 5<sup>th</sup>) at Shaler Area High School.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Kaib moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Commissioner Ed Vincent. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Henschel, Secretary