

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020**

Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Barnhart at 7:00 pm via electronically

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Barnhart, Flaughter, Mesarosh, Parker and Andrews present.

GUESTS: Greg Bailey

Approval of Minutes:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughter seconded to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 regular meeting.
Motion Carried (5-0)

Public Comment:

Greg Bailey, Bailey, Hodshire & Company, P.C. reported on the township year ending March 31, 2020 Audit. Mr. Andrews pointed out the 2020 liabilities total on page 3, which was a typo error and Mr. Bailey will correct the statement. Mr. Barnhart questioned the money not insured, with the limited banks in the Reading area, it is hard to disburse the funds in different accounts. Mr. Bailey would not be too concerned. He reported no deficiency in internal control over financial procedures. Overall, the township is in good financial shape.

County Commission: None

Barnhart spoke to Mr. Whiley who reported the county offices are open but that the buildings are locked, and the next meeting will be on 1/14/2021. He is expecting the Health Department to have the COVID vaccine by the end of the year.

Road Commission: None

Barnhart spoke to Mr. Parney who reported the road commission is waiting on the snow to arrive. Andrews spoke to Mr. Sanders regarding the Ridge Drive project. He learned the project manager was hit and injured and not able to work. The plan is to get the drain directed to the lake in January, the project is still a go. Flaughter also talked to Mr. Sanders and was told the same information along with a possibility of hiring a private contractor to conduct the work.

Cemetery: None

Barnhart spoke with Mr. Lashaway who reported everything looks good

Fire Department:

Barnhart reported the meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Zoning Administrator Report: None

Mr. Farris will be giving his report in January 2021.

Planning Commission:

The next scheduled regular meeting will be Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm. A letter was received from the Hillsdale County Planning Commission requesting an update on the Master Plan.

Library Board:

The 6/23/2020 minutes were handed out and the audit report will be on 12/15/2020 at 9:00 am via phone.

Old Business:

Drain District for Ridge Dr.:

Still waiting on the HCRC on the placement of the culverts sometime in the Fall per Mr. Parney.

Mead Lake Channel update:

Supervisor Barnhart nothing new to reported.

New Business:

Payment of December's Bills and payments:

- Parker moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve payment of the December's bills and payments in the amount of \$22,132.90. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

2021 Township Board Meeting Dates:

- Flaughner moved, Parker seconded to approve the 2021 Township Board meeting dates. Motion Carried (5-0)

Employees Christmas Bonus:

Discussion was had in giving township employees including Mr. Ed Teller for his work in the beginning of the year. Employees are Farris, E. Teller, C. Teller.

- Parker moved, Barnhart seconded to approve payment of \$200.00 each to township employees including Ed Teller for Christmas Bonus. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-No, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-No, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (3-2)

2020/21 Fire Department contribution - \$15,000.00:

- Barnhart moved, Flaughner seconded to approve payment to the Reading Fire Department in the amount of \$15,000.00. Andrews asked if it's paid to the City of Reading? Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Future Business:

Transfer Station tire dumpster

Other Business:

Board Comment:

Parker had asked the board about receiving COVID money last month and Barnhart report his finding was most of the money have gone to business.

Barnhart reported the Board of Review will be meeting via telephone on 12/15/2020 at 10:00 am

Mesarosh reported that the Winter Tax bills have been mailed out and she will be at the township hall on 12/26/2020 and 12/30/2020 to collect payments.

Andrews had listened in on the Region 2 meeting which had 7 attendees. Update reported for projects from 2020 – 2023 for Hillsdale County which did not have Reading Township listed.

Flaughner reported she talked to Mr. John Sanders from the Hillsdale County Road Commission about the annual meeting, he reported no work will be done on the secondary roads except the normal

maintenance. Most all work will be conducted on the primary roads. Mr. Sanders is supposed to get information with figures around for the Clerk to report to the board.

Public Comment: None

Next Regular Meeting will be January 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

-Parker moved Andrews seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Barnhart, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk