

**Reading Township  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 11, 2021**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Barnhart, Flaughner, Mesarosh, Parker and Andrews present.

**GUESTS:** Richard Gripman, Kenneth McClellan

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Parker moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular meeting.  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**Public Comment:**

Rick Gripman asked about who received the Christmas Bonus. This was answered by Supervisor Barnhart. Mr. Gripman stated that the Reading Township's web site needs to be updated, Clerk Flaughner will be working on the updates.

**County Commission: None**

Barnhart spoke to Mr. Wiley, who reported the county offices are open but that the buildings are locked. The first business meeting will be on Tuesday, 1/12/2021. He also mentioned the meetings are available on YouTube, for the public.

**Road Commission: None**

Barnhart spoke to Mr. Parney who reported most of the townships are not meeting in person with the HCRC, as they are working on primary roads the next budget year. Flaughner has not received any information from Mr. Sanders about meeting with the township for next budget numbers. Trustee Parker suggested the possibility of hiring a private contractor to conduct the work with limestone repair projects this year.

**Cemetery: None**

Barnhart spoke with Mr. Lashaway who reported everything looks good, with no damage occurring from the ice storms.

**Fire Department:**

Barnhart reported the meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 was cancelled, and the next meeting will be in February. The department seems to be busy with calls and training on the "Jaws" unit.

**Zoning Administrator Report: None**

Barnhart spoke with Mr. Farris who will be giving his reports when the meetings start meeting in person. He reported he has had no new fines and have issued some permits.

**Planning Commission:**

Mesarosh reported the next scheduled regular meeting will be Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will possibly be conducted via the telephone.

**Library Board:**

The 11/10/2020 meeting minutes were handed out and the audit report was presented with no issues and was a great report presented by Mr. Bailey from Bailey, Hodshire and Company. The Library is open with some restrictions in place.

**Old Business:**

**Drain District for Ridge Dr.:**

Trustee Andrews has not yet heard anything from the Hillsdale County Road Commission.

**Mead Lake Channel update:**

Supervisor Barnhart had no update to report.

**New Business:**

**Payment of December’s Bills and payments:**

- Mesarosh moved, Parker seconded to approve payment of the January’s bills and payments in the amount of \$2,095.34. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

**12/15/2020 Board of Review Minutes:**

Barnhart reported two years ago a law was passed for more training for the Assessor and township board members. The township by-laws may need some adjusting. The BOR committee has an opening should someone have a suggestion for the vacancy.

**Communication from John & Linda Sanderson:**

Barnhart has not had any communication with the Sanderson’s, other than receiving the letter presented at the meeting. Discussion was had on the condition of the road, mentioning it has been in this condition for a long time as the area is sandy. Barnhart will forward the letter from the Sanderson’s to the HCRC.

**Future Business:**

Budget, Roads, Web Site updates

**Other Business:**

**Board Comment: None**

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Gripman reminded the board back in July he had a ride-along with Mr. Curtis and talked about the trees being removed. He was told then it should be done in a couple weeks.

**Next Regular Meeting will be February 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm.**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Barnhart, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk