

**Reading Township  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 8, 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, Douglas Tripp, Mark Wiley

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Mesarosh moved, Parker seconded to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting.  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**Public Comment: None**

**County Commission: None**

Mr. Wiley who reported he is the chairperson for the commission again. The commissioners are working on the contract with the Hillsdale County Sheriff. He reported the hospital is getting as much as possible of the COVID-19 vaccine as they can. He also reported on the positive rates county wide.

**Road Commission: None**

Barnhart spoke to Mr. Parney and he reported the county road commission is mainly conducting winter maintenance with snow removal at this time.

**Cemetery: None**

Barnhart spoke with Mr. Lashaway who reported everything looks good.

**Fire Department:**

Barnhart reported the meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6 pm will be conducted via Zoom.

**Zoning Administrator Report: None**

Barnhart spoke with Mr. Farris who has been conducting the basic activities. Flaughner asked to have him drop off the current permits he has so they can be processed and deposited.

**Planning Commission:**

Mesarosh reported the next scheduled regular meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2021. The annual report to the township board, the list of board members for 2021, and the boards accomplishments in 2020 was handed out. The approved minutes from October 19, 2020 and proposed minutes for the January 25, 2021 meeting was also handed out. Mesarosh reported no change with the board members.

**Library Board:**

Mesarosh reported the Library is still open and still hanging in there with all the restrictions.

**Old Business:**

**Drain District for Ridge Dr.:**

The HCRC foreman has returned to work from being off on medical leave, so hopeful the project can be started soon.

**Mead Lake Channel update: None**

Supervisor Barnhart had no update to report.

**New Business:**

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

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve payment of the February's bills and payments in the amount of \$488.84. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Abstained. Motion Carried (4-0 with 1 abstention)

**Charter Communication Franchise Fees Agreement:**

Discussion was had on the agreement which is for a 10-year time span. With no changes being done, the board decided on the same percentage as in the past of 3%.

- Parker moved, Andrews seconded to approve the renewal and sign the contract with Charter Communications for 10-years at 3% franchise fees. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Board of Review (BOR) Nominations:**

Barnhart reported Mr. Wheeler is off the committee and unable to attend meeting with his job schedule and asked for any nominations. Hearing none he told the board Mr. Rick Gripman has agreed to serve.

- Barnhart moved, Parker seconded to approve appointment of Rick Gripman to the Board of Review term ending 12/31/2022. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Approval Resolution 2021-01 – Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing:**

- Barnhart moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the resolution 2021-01, to allow local residents to protest in writing to the Board of Review. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker- Yes Motion Carried (5-0)

**Approval Resolution 2021-02 – Waive Interest and Penalties:**

- Barnhart moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the resolution 2021-02, waiving Interest and Penalties of local tax collection. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Approval Resolution 2021-03 – Adopt Poverty Exemption Income:**

- Barnhart moved, Parker seconded to approve the resolution 2021-03, to adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker- Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

**2021 – 2022 FY Budget Discussions:**

Barnhart asked for any input in the preparation of the 2021-2022 FY budget. Mesarosh mention needing an increase in the treasurer's budget due to increase rates from the Hillsdale County Treasurers Office. The cost for the road work from the Hillsdale County Road Commission. Andrews asked about having a second application of dust control done.

**Future Business:**

Budget, Roads, Board of Review in March

**Other Business:**

**Board Comment:**

Parker asked that the zoning be looked at. Mesarosh reported the winter tax payments due date is on 2/14/2021. Flaughner reported the web site has had some updates done.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Tripp asked if the budget numbers will be on the web site?

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Barnhart, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk