

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2021**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Adam Mesarosh, Rick Gripman, Doug Tripp, Mike Parney, Larry Richards, and Harold Farris.

Approval of Minutes:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaugher seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Public Comment: None

County Commission:

Barnhart spoke with Mr. Wiley, who updated him on the Hillsdale County Covid-19 vaccine distribution.

Road Commission:

Mr. Parney reported the road commission are out grading the gravel roads and patching. Reported the yellow caution light will be installed at the intersection of M49 and Bankers Road sometime this summer.

Cemetery:

Barnhart spook with Mr. Lashaway who reported that everything is okay.

Fire Department:

Barnhart read the minutes from the 2/10/2021 meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Zoning Administrator Report:

Mr. Farris handed out his November & December 2020 and January 2021 inspectors reports. He has talked to the lawyer about the property at 7123 Bankers Rd, as more items have been added on the property. April 1st he will be issuing citations to zoning violators. Andrews asked if he had a list of locations and he will be dropping off the current list.

Planning Commission:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm. at the township hall.

Library Board:

Mesarosh reported that regular library board meetings will resume.

Old Business:

Drain District for Ridge Dr.:

All signatures have been obtained from property owners for the drain easement.

Mead Lake Channel update:

Barnhart received an email from Mr. Gooch reporting water is running again. Barnhart will talk to Mr. Sanders from the road commission.

Board of Review update:

Barnhart updated the board that the BOR meets March 8 & 9, 2021. Assessor, Ben Wheeler will conduct the meeting via Zoom. Residents will call in and the committee will meet later to go over the applications.

New Business:

Board of Appeals appointments:

- Barnhart moved, Parker seconded to approve the re-appointment of Larry Richards with term ending 8/31/2024. Motion Carried (5-0)
- Barnhart moved, Parker seconded to approve the appointment of Richard Gripman (replacing D. Wheeler) with term ending 8/31/2024. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve Fire Department contribution of \$10,000:

- Flaughner moved, Barnhart seconded to approve the budgeted payment of \$10,000 to Reading Fire Department. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes Motion Carried (5-0)

Payment of March's Bills and payments:

- Mesarosh moved, Parker seconded to approve payment of the March's bills and payments in the amount of \$18,549.85. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve Township Tax Levy 2021:

- Barnhart moved, Flaughner seconded to approve 2021 Tax Levy same 1 Mill under MCL 211-34D with Headley Roll Back .70540. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve Collection Administrative fee on 2021 Taxes:

- Barnhart moved, Flaughner seconded to approve Collection Administrative fee on 2021 Taxes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Domestic Harmony service contract for 2021:

- Flaughner moved, Parker seconded to approve the payment of \$250.00 to Domestic Harmony for 2021 service contract. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Contract approval with Hillsdale County Road Commission:

Various gravel roads and Ridge Dr. were discussed as far as using the limestone application.

- Parker moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the Hillsdale County Road Commission Spot Limestone patching contract of 500 tons at \$20.00/ton, with the township paying 50% for an estimated amount of \$5,000.00. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)
- Parker moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the Hillsdale County Road Commission Road Stabilization contract of 34 miles at \$540.00/mile, with the township paying 40% for an estimated amount of \$7,344.00. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Proposed Assessor's Contract increase:

Ben Wheeler has requested the board to consider an increase of the combined rate of inflation of 3.3% to his contract for 2 years. The increase would be \$60.62 per month for a total of \$1,897.62 (\$22,771.44 per year). Barnhart wish to thank him for is service with all the changes the state has put in place.

- Barnhart moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the 3.3% increase to the Assessor's contract for 2 years. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Proposed Zoning Ordinance service:

Flaughner received three (3) bids (pricing) to codification and maintenance service to the township zoning ordinance. The service would include data conversion as necessary, editorial work, proofreading, updating the

index, updating electronic versions and online code, and printing of 11 copies. After discussion Flaughner recommended Municode at the rate of; set up – free, \$19.00 per page which will require changes and \$450.00 per year for online code hosting, for a 3-year contract.

- Flaughner moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve Municode to codify and maintain the zoning ordinance at the rate of; set up – free, \$19.00 per page which will require changes and \$450.00 per year for online code hosting, for a 3-year contract. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

******2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing******

2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing was opened by Supervisor Barnhart at 8:03 pm

Public Comment:

Doug Tripp asked about the township hall budget increase. Clerk Flaughner answered that the plans are to have the township hall parking lot approach replaced this year. There are funds in the budget for this project.

Barnhart asked about the tax revenue not being posted. Treasurer Mesarosh explained the tax figure was not available at the time of the budget printing.

******2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing Closed by Supervisor Barnhart at 8:14 pm******

Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve 2021 – 2022 Annual Budget:

- Flaughner moved, Parker seconded to approve 2021 – 2022 Annual Budget in the amount of \$326,341.00 for Expenditures. Roll Call: Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Future Business:

Hillsdale County Road Commission annual meeting – April 6 at 6pm at their office.
Zoning of Appeal meeting

Other Business:

Board Comment:

Parker mentioned an article in the Township Focus Magazine March 2021, on page 12 should be reviewed regarding changes in the Marijuana licensing.

Public Comment:

Rick Gripman reminded the board of the contract for Republic Waste containers at the transfer station expiring this year. Flaughner told him she has looked into the expiration date and will be sending out request for pricing. Doug Tripp asked about the zoning company.

Next Regular Meeting will be April 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Barnhart, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk