

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021**

The meeting was called to Order by Deputy Supervisor Jon Burrell at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Flaughter, Mesarosh, Parker, Andrews, and deputy supervisor Burrell present, with Barnhart absent.

GUESTS: Dusty Foust, Adam Mesarosh, Darrell Polter, Bob & Marcia Ricker, Linda Sanderson, Ruth Newman, Carol Miller, Ann Snellenberge (REU), Rick Gripman, Mike Zimmerman, Mike Herbst, Don Bowling, James Dearmond, Sherry Nollet, Matt Mapes, Ken McClellan, Jeremy Phillips, Tyler Tracy, Keith O'Neil (REU), Steve & Maria Stroinski, Brad & Thelma Booth, Fred Bockelman, Joan Wilderson, and Mary Mapes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Parker seconded to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021, regular meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Keith Foust asked about a comment made by the treasurer at the November's meeting about the Covid monies. The treasurer responded with her comment in which she had reviewed at the last meeting. She explained the possible monies to be distributed to Reading Township.

*Marcia Ricker talked of the condition of Paradise Dr.

*Linda Sanderson spoke about the township newsletter, stating all road work has been completed on Crawford Rd, which is not true. No trees or brush has been removed, etc.

*Carol Miller and Ruth Newman talked about Blair Rd conditions.

*Ann Snellenberge, Montgomery Fire spoke in favor of working in the township with REU.

*Mike Herbst Circle Dr. talked about the Hillsdale County Road Commission employees not doing much work while in the area. No holes were filled on Circle Dr. only on Ridge Dr.

*Don Bowling, James Dearmond and Sherry Nollett also spoke of the road condition on Circle Dr. having deep holes and ruts.

*Matt Mapes spoke on the road condition of Wildwood Dr.

*Brad Booth spoke of the condition of Blair Rd and how the condition is dangerous for the school bus drivers. He also asked about the money the township receives from the State of Michigan for road maintenance.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

Andrews attended the Hillsdale Road Commission Meeting and handed out a report from Mr. John Sanders, HCRC Managing Director regarding Wildwood Road Estimate being repaired with limestone or with gravel. Between Reading and Crawford Rd.

CEMETERY: None

The West Reading cemetery roads received the temporary fix until permanent repairs can be done in the spring of 2022. The temporary repair was completed by Jake Lashaway, which was paid for by Mr. & Mrs. Storinski.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: None

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris handed out his November report, also listed were the tickets issued. Mr. Farris reported the 2020 fee changes done was done incorrectly. The changes were done as a Zoning Violation not a Nuisance violation. Mr. Farris will let the clerk know as far as who paid what in fines. The fee schedule will need to be updated again.

Jeremy Phillis as for the board’s approval for his “Used Vehicle Sales licenses”. The board originally approved the application to the State of Michigan back in June of 2021 for a class A (meaning new vehicles) when he needed to apply for a class B for used cars. Mr. Phillips has checked the wrong information (new vehicles) at first and needed to select used vehicles selection.

- Parker moved, Andrews seconded to approve the application request to the State of Michigan for a class B for used vehicle sales. Motion Carried (4-0)

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting will be January 24, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the township hall.

LIBRARY BOARD:

The yearly financial report by Bailey & Hodshire & Company had no issue. The library is doing very well even with all the restrictions in place. It is financially sound with the mileage, which was passed a few years ago.

OLD BUSINESS:

CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND / AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE:

Treasurer Mesarosh reported the approved amount for the township has not been received yet, and the status on the internet shows completed. This money is to be used for COVID related and infrastructures.

Drain District for Ridge Dr.:

Andrews reported to be having a good month as the HCRC has been working on Ridge Dr. Some catch basins and cross culverts have been installed with a few more to go. The tiles to the lake still need to be installed along with the ditching. The road will be graded, but the final layer of stone will not be put into place until the springtime.

Mead Lake Channel update:

No update

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of December’s Bills and Payments:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughter seconded to approve payment of the December’s bills and payments in the amount of \$18,835.67 with \$15,000.00 being the final payment to the Fire Department. Roll Call: Andrews -Yes, Flaughter -Yes, Mesarosh -Yes, Parker -Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Annual meeting with the Hillsdale County Road Commission:

It was decided to request the 5pm time slot for each day for the annual meeting. Flaughter will submit the form back to the county road commission.

Employees Christmas bonuses:

- Parker moved, Andrews seconded to approve payment of \$200.00 each for 2021 Christmas bonuses to Chad Teller and Harold Farris. Roll Call: Parker -Yes, Mesarosh -Yes, Flaughter -Yes, Andrews -Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

REU/Montgomery Fire Department provide Emergency Medical Services to Reading Township:

Keith O’Neil, Reading Emergency Unit Executive Director returned to talked to the board about considering allowing Montgomery Fire Department the ability to service Reading Township area on

emergency calls with no charge to Reading Township. REU has a mutual aid agreement with the Montgomery Fire Department. He also reported the Station 3 (located in Reading) is now manned 24/7 again. Ann Snellenberge Captain from Montgomery Fire Department spoke about what Montgomery Fire Department service offered to Reading Township. It was decided to have the attorney review any documents beforehand.

MTA monthly meeting speaker:

Flaucher reported having 2 options for speakers for the MTA monthly meeting when it's the township time to host it.

2022 Meeting Dates:

The 2022 meeting dates were handed out and the May meeting date needed to be corrected.

- Mesarosh moved, Andrews seconded to approve the 2022 Reading Township board meeting dates with the May being corrected. Motion Carried (4-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Road Mileages

REU Agreement

Fire Department Radio's & Pagers

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

Flaucher handed out the Hillsdale County 2022 Traffic Summit for information only.

Burrell reported the Board of Review will be meeting on December 14th at 10:00 am at the township hall.

Mesarosh reported the Fall/Winter tax bill and 2021 newsletter have been mailed. She will also be at the township hall to collect taxes on December 29th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ruth Newman asked how infrastructure can be covid related? It was explained that it has open it up to also include road repairs.

Keith Foust asked what are the ages of the fire fighters?

Matt Mapes suggested to have electric run towards to road and install lights as it's really dark in the parking lot.

Linda Sanderson asked about writing a letter to voice the road concerns they have for Wildwood Rd.

Next Regular Meeting will be January 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

-Parker moved Andrews seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Barnhart, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaucher, Reading Township Clerk