

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2022**

The regular meeting was called to Order by Supervisor Allan Andrews at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Flaughner, Andrews, Gripman and Mesarosh present and Parker absent.

GUESTS: Adam Mesarosh, Lee Tonnies, Ken McClellan, Brad Wright, Doug Tripp, Linda Burcewicz, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Andrew Fink, Larry Richards, Gretchen Oberdick, and Harold Farris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, regular meeting and April 26, 2022, special meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Mikolajczyk asked who was responsible for the falling tree at the corner of Long Lake Rd and Lake Dr? It obstructs the view to the south on Long Lake Rd. Some of her neighbors have called the Hillsdale County Road Commission.

Ms. Tonnies voiced her opinion about using the ARPA monies to pave the township hall's parking lot in which she was not in favor of, but felt the drive approach should be done with the condition of the roads.

Mr. McClellan complained about the grading of Kellogg Dr. The road commission didn't put a berm on the road. He has called the road commission numerous times without a call back. He also voiced his agreement on looking into the Marijuana wholesale business for addition income for the township.

Mr. Fink, State Representative for the 8th district spoke about his re-election candidacy for the August 2, 2022, election and answered any questions asked.

Mr. Tripp asked the board if we would entertain having a clean up day/week for township residents? He also spoke about the ARPA and upcoming road millage for the road maintenance and improvement.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

Mr. Andrews reported the road commission meetings will be held every Wednesday. Mr. Godfrey is taking over the duties of the supervisor as Mr. Sanders has resigned.

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2022, at 6:00 pm. All meetings will now be held at the fire barn.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris handed out his April monthly report. Discussion was had about the violators and cleaning of properties. Andrews told him about the red truck at the Hemlock Party Store does not have a current license plate on it and needs to be removed.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

January 24, 2022, approved meeting minutes and the April 18, 2022, proposed meeting minutes were handed out. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 18th at 7:00 pm at the township hall. Andrews talked about having a Park & Recreation 5-year plan in order to apply for grants for the Kimball Point Park.

LIBRARY BOARD:

March 22, 2022, meeting minutes were handed out. The library will be having a millage renewal proposal on the August 2, 2022, election.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mesarosh is requesting a list of items with eligible quotes / estimates be given to her by April 15, 2022. A lengthy discussion was had on the township drive approach. Flaughter will take on the township drive approach getting replaced. Gripman will handle gathering the figures and information for money used for the fire department. Andrews will handle gathering the figures and information for money used for the Kimball Point parking lot & trail. Mesarosh will gather information for the gravel roads and high-speed internet. Andrews has communicated with Bruce Caswell who does grant writing.

Republic Waste Contract for the Transfer Station:

Mr. Gripman is still working with Modern Waste to possibly switch contractors at the transfer station for \$1,575.00 per month. Gripman also thought we should investigate getting a recycling container. It was mentioned that when the recycling is done the company puts everything into one dumpster and separated at their disposal site. Modern Waste is still looking into being able to get out of the current contract with Republic Waste.

Drain District for Ridge Dr.:

Andrews reported good progress as the road surface has been completed. The ditching will still need some attention to prevent erosion.

Mead Lake Channel update:

Andrews talked to the attorney and the township has No responsibility as time has passed the statue of limitations. The drain in question for having the dirt wash back into the channel has nothing to do with the special assessment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of May’s Bills and Payments:

- Mesarosh moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of the May’s bills and payments in the amount of \$946.79. Roll Call: Mesarosh–Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Gripman–Yes, Andrews -Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Marijuana Discussion:

Gripman thinks the township should revisit the wholesale of Marijuana in the township based on a possibility of receiving additional revenue. Much discussion was had with the possibility of changing the ordinance to allow different levels of the Marijuana industry, which allows the township to pick and choose which levels would be allowed. The City of Reading has a great ordinance which maybe we could investigate using. It was suggested to send it to the planning commission investigate as to what would be good for the township.

Hillsdale Conservation District Donation:

The Hillsdale Conservation District office sent a letter explaining the Tire Collection program which will be offered to residents of Hillsdale County. Due to the lack of grant funds this year they are unable to offer a free tire collection. Therefore, they are asking local townships for a \$200 donation to help cover the cost of tire disposal, county fair rental and the mass mailing advertisement. In doing so, each townships donation would allow residents to dispose of unwanted tires at no cost to them. This year’s collection will be held on Friday, July 22, 2022, from 8am to 5pm at the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds.

- Andrews moved, Gripman seconded to approve a donation payment in the amount of \$200.00. Roll Call: Mesarosh–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Andrews -Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATON:

DMCI Broadband is currently laying out plans to install fiberoptic to the residential areas (FTTH) in several area communities, in addition to upgrading the current high speed wireless network throughout our footprint. It was decided to add the list of possible projects for the ARPA funds.

BOARD COMMENT:

Flaughner mentioned there will be a need for some new election inspectors. She also reported the results of the May 3rd election for Reading Township.

Andrews reported that Kathy will be retiring from her full-time job on May 11, 2022. Flaughner mentioned how she is looking forward to devoting more time to her township clerk activities, during the daytime.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. McClellan asked about partnership with other townships for recycling.

Andrews mentioned on May 28th he was going over to Paradise Dr to talk about the upcoming millage on the August ballot.

Next Regular Meeting will be June 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

-Flaughner moved and Gripman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk