

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2022**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Harold Farris, Karen Wheeler, Doug Tripp, Larry Richards, Maureen Miller, Steve and Maria Stroinski, Brad Wright, Ken McClellan, Linda Burcewicz and Corey Parker (MGU).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022, regular meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)
- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2022, special meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Corey Parker, Michigan Gas Utilities (MGU) talked to the board about the service and maintenance MGU needs to perform in the Reading Township. He asked the board to approve the Ordinance Franchise agreement. He answered all the questions from the board and residents and also mentioned he could be contacted for any new areas wanting MGU services.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

Andrews attended the HCRC monthly meeting and reported any upcoming projects.

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on December 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris handed out his November monthly report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

LIBRARY BOARD: None

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Ms. Wheeler updated the board on the Kimball Pointe Township Park project. She handed out the Master Plan which will need to be done in stages due to the cost. She also reported the Kimball Camp board will be meeting on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 2:30 pm.

Michigan Gas Utilities Franchise Ordinance #2022-01:

Mr. Corey Parker with MGU handed out an updated ordinance with all the requested changes from the board.

- Gripman moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the Michigan Gas Utilities Franchise Ordinance #2022-01. Motion Carried (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of December's Bills and Payments:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of December's bills and payments in the amount of \$12,512.47. Roll Call: Parker-yes, Andrews-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Gripman-Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Hillsdale County Equalization Department (HCED) Agreement:

Flaughner received a request from the Hillsdale County Equalization Department to approve the agreement for various services provided in assisting local assessing units in the property tax administration process. The agreement is for a period of 3 years commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

- Flaughner moved, Andrews seconded to approve the HCED agreement option 2. Motion Carried (4-0)

Employee's Christmas Bonus:

For the past few years, the board has approved an Employee's Christmas bonus of \$200.00 each. The township currently has 2 employees, a Zoning Administrator, and the Transfer Station attendant.

- Gripman moved, Parker seconded to approve the 2022 employees Christmas bonus of \$200.00 each. Motion Carried (4-0)

2023 Meeting Dates:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the 2023 Township Board meeting dates as presented. Motion Carried (4-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Teller had called Andrews with a question if the transfer station will be open on Sunday, January 1, 2023. The transfer station will only be closed on Christmas day and open on New Year's Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A question was asked about the 2022 winter tax bills on if they were mailed out yet.

Next Regular Meeting will be January 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk