

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday March 13, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to Order by Supervisor Allan Andrews at 7:02 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Steve & Maria Stroinski, Brad Wright, Adam Mesarosh, Steve & Sandra Ladd, Gretchen Oberdick, Fred Bockelman, Ed & Chris Greene, Ruth Pawliski, Janice Garczynski, Brent & Courtney Everline, Kelly Raasch, Jake Lashaway, and Larry Richards

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Raasch commented about Hakes Road conditions and asked why a road grader wasn't used instead of a dump truck underbody blade to grade the roads? She also has called the road commission.

Brent Everline asked about an update on work to Hakes Road.

Ed Greene also asked about repairs to Hakes Road.

Chris Greene reported damage done to her vehicle from the conditions of Hakes Road.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION:

Mike Parney was not in attendance. Andrews advised the guests in attendance to attend the road commission's meeting on March 24th at 10:00 am at the road commission office.

CEMETERY:

Jake Lashaway reported he has been cleaning up the downed brush in the cemeteries and will plan on cleaning up the township hall soon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on April 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris called the supervisor to report he is unable to attend the meeting. Andrews has a couple of complaints about Bankers Rd and will be passing them onto Mr. Farris.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh reported everything is going well at the library. The yearly audit was commended by auditors Bailey & Hodshire.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Township building Drive Approach bid results:

Flaugher reported only receiving four (4) bids for the replacement of the township drive approach. The lowest bid came in at \$54,850.00. The board had a discussion on doing the project.

- Flaugher moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the lowest bid submitted by JD Construction of Camden, LLC in the amount of \$54,850.00. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman-No, Flaugher-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (4-1)

Hillsdale County Road Commission proposed projects (2023-2024):

The remaining road repairs submitted by the Hillsdale County Road Commission were tabled.

BS&A Tax/Assessing Program update to Cloud from .Net:

Discussion was had to update the Tax/Assessing program to the iCloud in order to be able to communicate with all the BS&A current programs. - Mesarosh moved, Parker seconded to approve upgrading of the Tax/Assessing programs with BS&A the amount of \$8,425.00 and \$4,175.00 for hosting and annual fees. Roll Call: Flaugher-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman-no, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (4-1)

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of March's Bills and Payments:

- Flaugher moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of March's bills and payments in the amount of \$39,073.84. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Flaugher-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve Schedule of Salaries and Pay Rate:

- Flaugher moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the schedule of salaries and pay rates for the 2023-2024 fiscal year with the hourly rate being changed to the minimum rate of \$10.10 per hour. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Flaugher-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Letter of Intent with the Hillsdale County Clerk's Office:

The Hillsdale County Clerk's office sent out a proposal to allow their office to handle Proposal 2022-2 for early voting. - Parker moved, Gripman seconded to allow the Hillsdale County Clerk's office to handle the early voting for Reading Township. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-No, Gripman-Yes, Flaugher-No, Andrews-No. Motion Failed (3-2)

2023-2024 Budget Public Hearing

The 2023-2024 Budget Public Hearing was called to Order by Supervisor Allan Andrews at 8:20 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Stroinski suggested having the Treasurer's report and the Budget put on the website monthly.

-Gripman moved and Mesarosh seconded to close the Public Hearing. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approval of 2023-2024 Annual Budget:

-Gripman moved and Parker seconded to approve the 2023-2024 annual budget as presented. Roll Call: Flaughner-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

Parker asked if Mr. Farris was aware of the “Right to Farm Act”? Maybe the planning commission should investigate the act for new changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Next Regular Meeting will be April 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk