

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday April 10, 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 present, and Parker arrived at 7:13 pm.

GUESTS: Brad Wright, Adam Mesarosh, Sandra Ladd, Karen Wheeler, Gretchen Oberdick, Fred Bockelman, Ed & Chris Greene, Ruth Pawliski, Janice Garczynski, Betty & Donald Bundy, Gary Leininger, Dorothy Watson, Doug Tripp, Abe Dane, Doug & Charmaine Carlin, Tony Echler, Ken McClellan, Don Tift, Maureen Miller, and Harold Farris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, regular meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Abe Dane, Deputy Hillsdale County Clerk – explained the “Letter of Intent” with Hillsdale County Clerk’s office spoke about the Proposal 22-02 in November 2022. He talked about how the county clerk’s office is trying to help the townships and cities prepare for the new early voting requirements. Early voting will be 9 early days of voting. The total estimated cost for the county in the first year is \$12,847.00 per election, which each jurisdiction would pay an estimated amount of \$583.96 per election. The following elections would then be a cost of \$6887.00 per election which each jurisdiction would pay a cost of \$313.06 per election.

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the Letter of Intent with Hillsdale County Clerk. Motion Carried (4-1 Abstain)

Sandy Ladd from Fowler Rd mentioned that Fowler Road is still not in good condition even after it being graded.

Donald Bundy of Carol Dr commented about his neighbors’ yard not being cleaned up.

Ed & Chris Greene talked about Mr. Griffis from the Hillsdale County Road Commission stopping by to discuss the condition of Hakes Road.

Gretchen Oberdick asked who was responsible for managing the emergency siren on Long Lake Road. Parker reported it was 911 emergency services.

Don Tift talked about Wildwood Road and not being happy with all the stones in his yard along with the size of ditching that was done.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION:

Gary Leininger Hillsdale County Road Commissioner reported Mike Parney having health issues and will not be in attendance for a while. Mr. Leininger reported issues with all gravel roads in the county. The brining for the 2023 season will be starting in the southern counties, Wright township first and to be done by July 4th with the first application. He also mentioned various bridge work to be done along with road markings in the county.

CEMETERY:

Jake Lashaway was not in attendance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on April 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris submitted his February and March report. Andrews asked about the process of the Zoning Ordinance ticketing Farris mentions about the attorney handling the tickets and court appointments.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

LIBRARY BOARD:

The minutes from the December 6, 2022, meeting were handed out.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Township building Drive Approach bid results:

Flaugher reported the supervisor and clerk will be meeting with the contractor to get the contract signed.

Mesarosh reported that the next report to be filed with the State is due by April 30, 2023. We again need assistance from our accountant.

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

After discussion, the board decided that Hemlock Road will be the first to receive the limestone application.

- Parker moved, Flaugher seconded to approve the repairs to Hakes and Fowler Roads without the installation of limestone, leaving only the Berm & Ditching and the installation of process gravel by the HCRC. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Andrews-Yes, Gripman-No, Flaugher-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of April's Bills and Payments:

- Flaugher moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of April's bills and payments in the amount of \$1,895.88. Roll Call: Mesarosh-Yes, Flaugher-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Discussion on blight properties
Township Hall gutters needing replacement.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Greene thanked the board for the decision of road repairs.

Janice Garczynski asked about what is going to be done with the piles of trees and wood at the Kimball Camp's property.

Karen Wheeler gave an update on the Kimball Camp meeting and on the Spark Grant.

Next Regular Meeting will be May 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

-Flaugher moved and Gripman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk