

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday June 12, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to Order by Supervisor Allan Andrews at 7:01 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Brad Wright, Adam Mesarosh, Karen Wheeler, Gretchen Oberdick, Fred Bockelman, Gary Leininger, Ken McClellan, Maureen Miller, Kathy Mikolasczyic, Linda Burcewicz, Larry Richards, Mark Wiley, Elizabeth Curran, and Mike Parney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shane Spahr, Health and Wellness Coordinator from the Hillsdale County Senior Services Center, Inc thanked the board for the support we provide. He also handed out a packet with various services center provides along with other information. The new manager for the center is Meggie Monroe who replaced Terri Vear after her retirement.

Karen Wheeler, Kimball Point Township Park updated the board on the Spark Grant second round application which is due June 26, 2023. A lot of the information is on the ReadingMichigan.org site.

Elizabeth Curran asked about fencing & docks regulation to how close allowed to the neighbors. Allan will do some research.

Gretchen Oberdick mentioned that a lot of the information that can be found on the Michigan.gov website.

Linda Burcewicz asked what the cost was for the township drive approach was.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Mark Wiley updated various projects happening with the county, i.e., the courthouse project, the 800 MHz communication, and the courthouse annex.

ROAD COMMISSION:

Mike Parney and Gary Leininger, Hillsdale County Road Commissioners reported that the dust control for Hillsdale County is approximately halfway done, and hoping the work would be done by July 4th. He told the board and guests that the Road Commission needs summer help. The County Road Commission has a full summer of projects to be completed.

CEMETERY:

Jake Lashaway reported that the cemeteries all look good. He has also finished the West Reading Cemetery driveway maintenance. Flaughner asked him about the tall grass at the township hall, in which he reported the area is very wet and that there are two holes near the corner that would indicate a broken tile. Andrews will check with the Hillsdale County Drain Commission to see if anything can be done to fix the water issue.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on June 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris was not in attendance.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The township board will review the current ordinance for lake front properties and determine if changes need to be made. They will send it to the Planning Commission after review. Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on July 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh reported on the minutes from the March 28, 2023, meeting. Minutes were handed out.

OLD BUSINESS:**CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND / AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE:****Township building Drive Approach bid results:**

Flaucher reported the driveway approach is proceeding nicely and should be done soon.

Claudia mentioned that the Spring/Summer newsletter is completed. She has included the ARPA project funds paid.

NEW BUSINESS:**Payment of June's Bills and Payments:**

- Flaucher moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of June's bills and payments in the amount of \$3,348.37. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Flaucher-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution 2023-04:

Reading Township supports the second-round submission of an application titled, Kimball Pointe Township Park to the Spark grant program for establishing of a parking lot and trail extension to Kimball Pointe and renovation of existing park infrastructure at Kimball Pointe Township Park. Roll Call: Flaucher-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve 2023 Millage Reduction Fraction Calculations Truth in Taxation and L-4029:

- Flaucher moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve 2023 1.6867 Millage Levy. Roll Call: Parker-No, Gripman-No, Flaucher-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (3-2)

FUTURE BUSINESS:**OTHER BUSINESS:****BOARD COMMENT:**

Gripman asked why the township does not use the MTA attorney and save some funds? Andrews will do some follow up.

Flaucher reported on the election August 8th. The public accuracy test will be done on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 11:00 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gretchen Oberdick encourages the board and planning commission to look at the waterfront zoning.

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaugher, Reading Township Clerk