

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday September 11, 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: Adam Mesarosh, Fred Bockelman, Maureen Miller, Linda Burcewicz, Larry Richards, Janice Garczynski, Gretchen Oberdick, Eric Tolles, Phyllis Kinder, Mike Parney, Chrisy Greene, Ruth Pawliski, Kathy Mikolajczyk, James DeArmond, Sherry Nollet and Donnie Bowling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Greene asked for an update on the road repairs to Blair, Hawkes and Fowler.

Maureen Miller commented on the road condition on Lake Rd, the asphalt portion off of Long Lake Rd.

Donnie Bowling asked the board why he was made to remove the carport on his property after being told to pay the citation and get a permit. He mentioned he was lied to by township officials.

Sherry Nollet doesn't understand what is allowed for the property owned by Donnie Bowling.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION:

Mike Parney will request an update from the Hillsdale County Road Commission as to the repairs to Blair, Hawkes and Fowler roads at the next meeting. He will also report wash outs on Lake and Beach Drive.

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on October 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the fire department. The Fire Department received a \$10,000.00 grant to help replace gear for the firefighters.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris was absent due to surgery.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm. and no public meeting has been set for the changing of the sight & fence ordinance.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh reported on the next meeting will be at the end of September. The proposed minutes from July 27, 2023, meeting was handed out.

OLD BUSINESS:

CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND / AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE: None

Township Transfer Station Containers: None

Township Hall Drainage Issue:

The Hillsdale County Road Commission has not yet looked at the flow of the water from Card Rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of August's Bills and Payments:

- Flaughter moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of September's bills and payments in the amount of \$552.50. Roll Call: Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Parker-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Early Voting Election Services Agreement:

Flaughter explained to the board that the Hillsdale County Clerks office wanted each municipality board member to be able to review the agreement before filing it with the State of Michigan.

- Andrews moved, Flaughter seconded to give permission to the Hillsdale County Clerks office to file the Early Voting Election Services Agreement with the State of Michigan. Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution 2023-04 Canada Goose Nest Destruction Program and/or Canada Goose Roundup/Removal Program:

- Andrews moved, Gripman seconded to approve the resolution 2023-04 for 5 years expiring in 2028. Motion Carried (5-0)

Appoint Planning Commission Board Member:

- Andrews moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the re-appointment of Christine Gollnick to the Planning Commission Board with the term ending 8/31/2026. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Look for a new Planning Commission Board member.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

The Attorney Law Firm Suggestions list from MTA was discussed and was decided to board members bring in questions to put together a questioner at the October meeting.

Mesarosh reported the summer taxes are due September 14th and that she will hold hours at the township hall for payments on September 14th. The tax and assessing BS&A programs training was held and made for the viewing the program very different as it's on the cloud now.

Mesarosh will communicate with Dave Cleveland from DMCI about speaking at the next meeting as to how the Fiber Cable installation is going.

Andrews asked about updating the Nuisance Ordinance on the township website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donnie Bowling has a complaint about how the township board is doing business.

Maureen Miller asked about the 9 days of early voting.

Gretchen Oberdick would like to see a "Lake" resident be on the Planning Commission Board.

Phyllis Kinder asked if the township received any complaints about her property.

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

-Flaughter moved and Mesarosh seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughter, Reading Township Clerk