

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday October 9, 2023**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Adam Mesarosh, Fred Bockelman, Larry Richards, Janice Garczynski, Phyllis Kinder, Mike Parney, Mark Wiley, Chriss Benjamin, Karen Wheeler and Robert Socha.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Wheeler reported to the board that she heard the Reading Township Kimball Point Spark Grant was not awarded in the second round. She has not received the formal written report yet, and she wanted to thank everyone who believes in the project.

Robert Socha from DMCI updated the board on the progress of the installation of Fiber Optic in Hillsdale County. He provided a map of the current and future projects. DMCI has gone from 16 employees to 35 currently.

He also answered any questions the board members and guest might have had.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Mark Wiley updated the board on various activities happening in Hillsdale County along with the courthouse renovations.

ROAD COMMISSION:

Mike Parney updated the board of activities happening with the Hillsdale County Road Commission. He also reported the M49 state culvert replacement project is nearly completed, and the road should be opening back up soon.

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 will be having cider and donuts for Halloween.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris handed out his August and September reports. He also reported that he had to replace his printer at home and asked the board if they would cover the cost.

- Gripman moved, Andrews seconded to approve to cover 80% of the cost for a new printer. Roll Call: Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh reported on the next meeting will be on the October 24th at 9:00 am. All is going well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointment/Renewal Planning Commission Board ending 8/31/2026:

With the resignation of Lee Tonnies from the Planning Commission, the board will need to replace her. Discussion was had on who we felt would be a replacement. The board will vote on a replacement at the November meeting term ending 8/31/2026.

Attorney Law Firm suggestion list questioner:

Flaughter will put together a brief list of questions to send out to various firms.

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

Township Transfer Station Containers: None

Township Hall Drainage Issue:

Andrews is working with Kevin Sanders, Hillsdale County Road Commission on looking at the flow of the water from Card Rd. Andrews will stay on top of the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of October's Bills and Payments:

- Flaughter moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve payment of October's bills and payments in the amount of \$29,809.14. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Sharing Board of Review members with the City of Reading:

The City of Reading along with the assessor, Ben Wheeler, is asking the township to join the Board of Review members. Both are having difficulty coming up with members to serve. Questions were raised. It's on hold until information is returned from the city attorney.

FUTURE BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

Andrews shared an email from Consumers Energy about their 5-year plan for power outages. Parker asked why Kym, city manager of City of Reading doesn't write a grant for the fire department to be able to build a larger fire station. The fire department is looking for approximately 3 acres to build on. The fire department is having a Gun a Day gun raffle in December with the proceeds being split between the Boy Scouts and the Shooting Team Club.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Next Regular Meeting will be November 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughter, Reading Township Clerk