

**Reading Township  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 13, 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, Ben & Karen Wheeler, Doug Tripp, and Ken McClellan.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COUNTY COMMISSION:** None

**ROAD COMMISSION:** None

**CEMETERY:**

No Jake, but Andrews spoke with him and was informed that all cemeteries are looking good.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on November 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the fire department. The Fire Department will be looking for a new fire chief due to the resignation of Chief Brad Wright.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Mr. Farris called the supervisor Andrews, to report he will not be able to attend the meeting. Andrews asked him to investigate the homeless on Hemlock Lake.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The 2024 Meeting Schedule, Approved Regular Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2023, and the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2023, were handed out.

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

**LIBRARY BOARD:**

Mesarosh reported the library is switching to winter hours.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sharing Board of Review members with the City of Reading:** Due to the difficulty in finding enough individuals willing to serve on their respective Board of Review, the Assessor Ben Wheeler for both the township and the City of Reading requested the township to consider combining the Township Board of Review with the City of Reading. After the attorney Tom Thompson reviewed the request, it was proposed that the City of Reading appoint 1 regular member to the board and 2 alternate members. The township will appoint 2 regular members to the board. - Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the combining of Reading Township Board of Review board with the City of Reading Board of Review board. Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- Andrews moved, Gripman seconded to approve the appointment of Ken McClellan to the Planning Commission with the term ending 8/31/2026. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Attorney Law Firm suggestion list questioner:**

Flaugher will put together a brief list of questions to send out to various firms in Hillsdale County.

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

**UPDATE:** None

**Township Transfer Station Containers:** None

**Township Hall Drainage Issue:**

Andrews reported the Hillsdale County Road Commission will be cleaning the ditch line on M49 from Card Road to 5251 S Edon Rd to help with the drainage issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Payment of November's Bills and Payments:**

- Mesarosh moved, Parker seconded to approve payment of November's bills and payments in the amount of \$11,805.12. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Flaugher-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

**AT&T METRO Act Permit Extension:**

AT&T requested a Metro Act Right of Way Permit extension expiring March 31, 2029.

- Flaugher moved, Gripman seconded to approve AT&T request on the Metro Act permit extension expiring March 31, 2029. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Tree Removal request from North Reading Baptist Church:**

Andrews reported the North Reading Baptist Church has requested to have a walnut tree removed in the township cemetery next to their property. The church says the tree is hazardous and they would like it removed. The tree belonging to the township. After much decision - Andrews moved, Parker seconded to allow the church to remove the tree and stump along with restoring the area back to grass at their expense. Motion Carried (5-0)

**FUTURE BUSINESS:**

Mesarosh asked for any newsletter information for the next printing. She also reported tax payments will be taken at the township hall on 12/23/2023, hours being 9 am to 12 pm, and on 12/27/2023 from 9 am to 5 pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Flaugher reported she has the nominating petitions, etc. for the August 6, 2024, State Primary election. The filing date is Tuesday, April 23, 2024, by 4 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ben Wheeler handed out the results for the Assessor audit with the state of Michigan, which is done every 5 years. The next audit will be done in 2028.

**Next Regular Meeting will be December 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm.**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaugher, Reading Township Clerk