

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 11, 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, Karen Wheeler, Phyllis Kinder, James Dearmond Jr, Chris Benjamin, Donna Marsh, and Ken McClellan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Wheeler updated the board on the outcome of the Spark Grant. After the third (3) round Reading Township was not chosen to receive any funding. Unfortunately, this ends our journey with the Spark Grant Application, but it doesn't end our vision for Reading Township Kimball Pointe.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on December 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris handed out his October and November 2023 Zoning Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh reported the library will be having the meeting earlier in the month on Tuesdays. The library is currently getting ready for the audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Law Firm suggestion list questioner:

Flaughner has mailed a brief list of questions to send out to various firms in Hillsdale County but has not received any back.

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

Township Hall Drainage Issue:

Andrews reported the Hillsdale County Road Commission has cleaned the ditch line on M49 from just south of Card Road to 5251 S Edon Rd to help with the drainage issue.

Township Transfer Station Containers: None, discussion was had to increase the cost for disposal of bags.
- Parker moved, Gripman seconded to approve the increase the cost for disposal of bags by \$1.00, making it \$3.00 each bag effective 1/1/2024. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of December's Bills and Payments:

- Parker moved, Flaughner seconded to approve payment of December's bills and payments in the amount of \$2,382.65. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Hillsdale County Imagery Resolution for Spring 2024 updates:

Hillsdale County is considering partnering with the State of Michigan to acquire updated imagery for the county in the spring of 2024. There are three resolution options available to the county, 12, 6 or 3-inch, where 3 inch is the best quality. The county is looking at the 6” resolution option at a cost of \$56.48 per square mile county wide.

-Gripman moved, Parker seconded to approve the 6” resolution the county is proposing. Motion Carried (5-0)

Employee Bonus:

-Gripman moved, Parker seconded to give the two (2) employees a \$200.00 bonus. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

2024 Meeting Dates:

-Flaughner moved, Mesarosh seconded to accept the 2024 Meeting Dates as presented. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Building gutter quotes for spring of 2024, trying to receive more.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

Flaughner reminded the board 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.

Andrews did contact the North Baptist Church to report the boards decision on the tree removal. He has not heard anything back.

Mesarosh reported she will be at the township hall collecting tax payments on Saturday, 12/23/2023 and Wednesday, 12/27/2023. She also has extra newsletters.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phyllis Kinder asked the board who provides trash collection service for Reading Township?

Next Regular Meeting will be January 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk