

**Reading Township  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 12, 2024**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Flaughter, Andrews, Mesarosh, Gripman and Parker present.

**GUESTS:** Adam Mesarosh, Fred Bockelman, Janice Garczynski, James Dearmond Jr, Donnie Bowling, Sherry Nollet, Doug Tripp, Dan Hubbs, Linda Burcewicz and Mark Wiley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughter seconded to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Andrews reported that all other meetings he has attended the agenda is approved as presented. He wants the board to consider also starting to approve the agenda.

- Gripman moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the agenda of the February 12, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried (5-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Donnie Bowling commented on the increase of the trash bags at the transfer station again. He doesn't agree with the increase and felt it should have been left alone. He also commented about the treatment he received when he applied for a zoning permit. He was out of order and was asked to stop by the Supervisor.

**COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Mark Wiley updated the board on the activities happening with the Hillsdale County budget, and their handbook. He also mentioned that the County Planning Commission is looking for a township representative to serve on the board. The county central dispatch radios are still in need of being updated, which will be addressed again. Wiley also mentioned he was going to run for the county commissioner position again and would like any support.

**ROAD COMMISSION:** None

**CEMETERY:**

Jake Lashaway mentioned the cemetery looks good. Andrews reported the North Reading Baptist Church has the walnut tree down. All the wood has all been removed and that the restoration will need to be completed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Mr. Farris handed out his January 2024 Zoning Report. A question was asked about the fence near the road on W Reading Rd at Blair Rd, he commented it was going to the courts.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Some members were asking about not having their address posted / published. It was decided to remove the address from the listing that is published for the Planning Commission.

**LIBRARY BOARD:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:****Attorney Law Firm suggestion list questioner:**

Flaugher reported she has received one (1) questioner back. The board discussed and decided to table any action.

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

Andrews reported with the ditching the Hillsdale County Road Commission completed on M49, the drainage issue seems to be cleared at this time.

**Township Transfer Station Containers:** None

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

- Mesarosh moved, Flaugher seconded to approve payment of February's bills and payments in the amount of \$3630.76. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Flaugher-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Hillsdale County Road Commission 2024-2025 FY Road Repairs:**

We have not received all of the contracts for road repairs talked about at the annual meeting. We received the brining and the limestone patching on various roads.

- Andrews moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of \$19,380.00 for two applications of brine on the township gravel roads. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Flaugher-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

- Gripman moved, Parker seconded to approve payment of \$26,500.00 for 1000 applications of limestone on various location on the township gravel roads. The board will decide where the placement will be. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Flaugher-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Clerks pay Scale Increase:**

Flaugher discussed the clerks pay scale to increase to the average level of other Hillsdale County Clerks to \$15,000.00 annually, due to new Federal and State requirements.

- Flaugher moved, for the increase, with no second the motion was dropped. Mesarosh suggested that a review of all elected positions be completed, as it had not been done.

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

Flaugher 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.

Flaugher report the Public Accuracy Test and Election Commission meeting held on February 5, 2024, at 10:00 am. went well with no problems with the equipment.

Mesarosh reported she will be at the township hall collecting tax payments and dog tag assessments on 2/29/2024 from 9-5.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jennifer Wertz from Quincy announced her candidacy for 35<sup>th</sup> State Representative.

Dan Hubbs asked about using gaming cameras at the transfer station to try to catch any illegal dumping.

**Next Regular Meeting will be March 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm.**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaugher, Reading Township Clerk