

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2024**

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, Doug Tripp, Larry Richards, Dusty Foust, Ken McClellan, Maureen Miller, Gretchen Oberdick and Adam Stockford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Gripman moved, Parker seconded to approve the agenda of the March 11, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried (5-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Adam Stockford introduced himself as a candidate for Republican State Representative. He gave a brief description of his involvement in government and his goals as a State Representative. Dusty Foust was interested in the process of removing the fence in the right of way on Reading Rd at the corner of Blair Road. Harold Farris explained what the status was at this point.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris handed out his February 2024 Zoning Report. Andrews asked about a truck parked at Marv's and a boat being unloaded on Blair Rd. Flaughner mention a couple of mobile trailers parked on Abbott Rd looking like someone is taking up residence.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm. She also welcomed Ken McClellan to the planning commission board.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh reported nothing new is happening and that things are going well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Law Firm suggestion list questioner:

The board decided to stay with the current attorney, Mr. Tom Thompson, with Lovinger & Thompson, P.C.

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

The due date for the projects and expenditures is April 30, 2024. Mesarosh will contact Greg Bailey for assistance.

Township Transfer Station Containers:

Republic Waste has not replaced the rusted out container.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of March's Bills and Payments:

- Parker moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of March's bills and payments in the amount of \$162.90. Roll Call: Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Parker-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Hillsdale County Road Commission 2024-2025 FY Road Repairs:

We received estimates from the Hillsdale County Road Commission for various projects.

- Parker moved, Gripman seconded to approve Gilmore Road project paying 25% with Camden Township in the amount of \$26,750.00, also Chief Drive in the amount of \$11,085.00. Roll Call: Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Parker-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Review all Elected Positions Pay Scale:

Mesarosh reported she will not be seeking another treasurer term.

Approve Scheduled of Salaries and Pay Rate:

Flaughner moved to keep all salaries at the current rate. No second was received.

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the budget amount for clerk's wage increase. Roll Call: Parker-No, Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman-No, Flaughner-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (3-2)

Domestic Harmony Contract:

- Flaughner moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve payment of \$250.00 for the Domestic Harmon. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Budget Amendments:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve budget amendments as presented (see attached). Motion Carried (5-0)

2024-2025 Budget Public Hearing

2024-2025 budget public hearing was open by supervisor at 8:07 pm

Public Comments: None

All questions were answered regarding the budget.

- Flaughner moved, Mesarosh seconded to close the 2024-2025 budget public hearing at 8:20 pm Motion Carried (3-0)

Approve 2024 – 2025 Annual Budget by Function:

- Flaughner moved, Parker seconded to approve the 2024-2025 budget by function at total of \$346,068.00. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Flaughner -Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker -Yes, Andrews –Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

Flaucher 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.

Flaucher report the 2/27/2024 Presidential Primary Election went very well with no issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken McClellan agreed with Mesarosh with the State trying to take control of more items from the township level.

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

-Flaucher moved and Parker seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaucher, Reading Township Clerk