

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Flaugher, Andrews, Mesarosh, and Gripman present. Parker was absent.

GUESTS: Adam Mesarosh, Larry Richards, Ken McClellan, Abe Dane, Linda Sanderson, Janice Garczynski, Daniel Cole, Chris Clabaugh, Linda Burcewicz, and Chris Bevis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Gripman moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the agenda of the April 8, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried (4-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Gripman seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, regular meeting with the correction of the motion carried for closing the budget to 4/0 not 5/0. Motion Carried (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken McClellan has a petition for anyone who wants to sign for not allowing the State to override the local municipal authority.

Linda Sanderson asks if dust control will be done and when and how many applications.

Abe Dane spoke on the amendment to the early voting election services. He also mentions the importance of security for election files, and equipment. The clerk is the only person who has access to them.

Claudia Mesarosh spoke as a resident about the audit and wages for the township board members. She referred to an article in the MTA, Township Focus as to "Who can do what?" Lightening the load for your clerk.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Mark Wiley reported that the county commissioner are behind the petition for not allowing the State to override the local municipal authority. The county commissioner is still searching for a place for the District Court to relocate. The veterans' affairs have scholarships for any senior who has a veteran family member.

ROAD COMMISSION: None

Andrews reported the next Hillsdale County Road Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th at 10:00 am at the road commission building.

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: None

Mr. Farris called Andrews to report he would not be at the meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh reported that things are going well at the library.

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: Andrews talked about the last invoice overages. He has had conversations with Brad Benzing about the new Act 115, registering the facility with the State of Michigan. Andrews will continue researching and report his findings.
- Revenues: March 2024 - \$2,360
- Expenditures: March 2024 – Republic Waste \$2,947.95 and Payroll \$440.00

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Greg Bailey and Mesarosh are working on filing the projects and expenditures report due April 30, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of April's Bills and Payments:

- Flaughter moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve payment of April's bills and payments in the amount of \$10,497.51. Roll Call: Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Amendment to Agreement for Election Services Resolution #2024-02:

Amendment to the Agreement for Election Services between the County of Hillsdale and Local Governmental agency needed to be discussed and approved, with Somerset deciding to join all the other agencies.

- Flaughter moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the amendment to agreement for election services resolution. Motion Carried (4-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Plans for office security

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

Flaughter 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.

Flaughter asked if anyone would be interested in doing a township hall yard clean up. It was suggested to get a quote from a landscape company as no one was interested.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Clabaugh texted the number for Osseo Locks to Andrews for someone to be able to change the locks at the township.

Next Regular Meeting will be May 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

-Flaughter moved and Mesarosh seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughter, Reading Township Clerk