

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Adam Mesarosh, Larry Richards, Linda Burcewicz, Phyllis Kinder, Reuben Girod, Chris Graber, Jerry J Eicher, Jerry Eicher, Cris Eicher, John Girod, James Hixson, Maureen Miller, Gretchen Oberdick, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Donna Marsh, Fred Marsh, and Chris Bevis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Andrews moved, Flaughter seconded to approve the agenda of the May 13, 2024, regular meeting with the addition to New Business item, Review of Tree Trimming Quotes. Motion Carried (5-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Eichler asked what he needed to do to change his property zoning to Agriculture. He lives on Paradise Drive off of Blair Road.

James Hixson asked about keeping ducks as pets and not containing them, which they are destroying the shore edge on Rebeck Lake. He was told the Hillsdale County has an ordinance under animal control.

Gretchen Oberdick stated she has a petition with her to gain control of the township rights for the Wind Turbin and large Solor Farms.

Fred Marsh about the size of property to be able to rezone and the fence ordinance.

Kathy Mikolajczyk asked it the Goose buster had done the goose control this year?

Donna Marsh commented about the lack of help from the police departments with local complaints. She mentioned the Township Supervisor has the authority to try to settle the complaint.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

Andrews reported an update with the Hillsdale County Road Commission meetings.

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris handed in his March and April reports. Andrews asked him to check on a property on Ridge Dr.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on June 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The Approved Minutes January 9, 2024, regular meeting and Proposed Minutes April 15, 2024, regular meeting was handed out.

LIBRARY BOARD: None

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: Andrews talked about the last invoice overages and how the lids will be closed from now on. He reported the rusted-out container had been switched to a different one. Andrews is still working with the State of Michigan for the permit from Egle.
- Revenues: April 2024 - \$2,467.00
- Expenditures: April 2024 – Republic Waste \$2,334.93 and Payroll \$352.00

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Greg Bailey has filed the projects and expenditures report to the State.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of May’s Bills and Payments:

- Flaughter moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of May’s bills and payments in the amount of \$3,016.90. Roll Call: Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Parker-Yes, Gripman–Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

2024 Millage Reduction Fraction Calculation worksheet for your taxing unit:

The township 2024 Tax Rate Request is over the Headlee amount allowed. If we change the amount requested, then we will not need to have a public hearing.

- Flaughter moved, Mesarosh seconded to reduce the General Operating Milage from .6850 to .6034. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Andrews-Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Gripman–Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Kimball Camp new name:

Kimball Camp has a new name and needs the township to approve the change. It is now being called Kimball Camp Outdoor Center. No one showed up from Kimball camp so Andrews will get ahold of Tyler for more information.

Township Hall Cleaning Services discussion:

Flaughter reported that the cleaning service quit in March, she was informed in April. Flaughter will try to get 3 quotes for the cleaning service. She also mentioned having the carpets cleaned again.

Township Hall Tree Trimming:

Andrews received 3 quotes for the two-tree trimming at the township hall, south side of the parking lot.

- Parker moved, Gripman seconded to accept the bid from Wickham’s Tree Service in the amount of \$1,100.00. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Andrews-Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Gripman–Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Maureen Miller asked about what can be done to get someone to mow the grass at 4693 Newell Dr. She stated no one lives there now.

Next Regular Meeting will be June 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk