

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2024**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Adam Mesarosh, Mike Parney, Rob Socha, Steve Nemeth, Ken McClellan, Jennifer Wortz, Mark Wiley, Gretchen Oberdick, Bev Bradstreet, Menno Lengacher, Jacob Girod, Corey Burk, Larry Richards, and Janice Garczynski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the agenda of October 14, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mesarosh moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Wortz, State Representative candidate, wanted to encourage everyone to vote on November 5, 2024, in the general election.

Bev Bradstreet talked about the Amish school house to be built at 6000 Fowler Rd (corner of Reading Rd) before the first of the year. She said all the permits had been filed and she had talked to the township attorney to make sure they were following the township ordinance and with the State of Michigan. A meeting will be held with the township supervisor, code enforcement administrator and Bev Bradstreet.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Mark Wiley reported a new building will be built on the corner of Industrial Dr and Beck Rd for Lifeways. He updated us on the 800 MH radio's, they are looking for property to house two towers, maybe near North Adams and on Cambria Rd. The agreement with Motorola has been signed and without any issues the towers will be up and running in about 18 to 24 months. The Hillsdale County commissioners will be having the budget meeting on November 26th.

ROAD COMMISSION:

Mike Parney reported that Reading Township looks good, and the road commission is getting ready for winter. The road commission crew will be back on five days a week at the end of October. Bankers Rd should be stripped by the end of the month.

CEMETERY: None, no Lashaway

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None, no Farris

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mesarosh reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be on October 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm. A Public Hearing for a conditional use permit request will be at the October meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh reported that the library is doing good.

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: Republic Services has increased our monthly service bill by 7%.
- Revenues: September 2024 - \$2,876.00
- Expenditures: August 2024 – Republic Waste \$1,949.97 and Payroll \$440.00

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

Will need to be updated by the end of the year with the State of Michigan.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approval of Reading Fire Department request for 1st allocation of \$15,000.000 for the 2024-2025 budget:**

- Gripman moved, Flaughner seconded to approve payment of 1st allocation to the Fire Department of \$15,000.000 for the 2024-2025 budget. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Payment of October’s Bills and Payments:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of October’s bills and payments in the amount of \$16,093.98 (\$15,000 is the Fire Department). Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Gripman–Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

METRO Act – DMCI Broad Band application approval:

DMCI requests the board’s permission to install 86,126 feet or 16.31 miles of state-of-the-art fiber optics to deliver high speed internet and phone services to Camden Township residents and businesses.

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the application from DMCI Broad Ban METRO Act ROW Permit. Motion Carried (5-0)

Fences Zoning Ordinance (Section 15.09):

The board had some discussion with the updated Fence Zoning Ordinance presented by the Planning Commission.

- Mesarosh moved, Parker seconded to approve the Fences Zoning Ordinance updates from the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Re-appointment Larry Richards to the Planning Commission term ending 8/31/2027:

Mr. Richards agreed to serve on the planning commission board for another three years.

Conditional Uses – Agricultural District change to reflect Michigan Commission of Agriculture & Rural Development (Right to Farm Act):

From the request by Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris, to remove the words “High Density” from the current Conditional Uses ordinance and change it to conform with the Michigan Commission of Agriculture & Rural Development (Right to Farm Act).

- Mesarosh moved, Gripman seconded to approve the removal of the words “High Density” from the current Conditional Uses ordinance, the vote is being tabled until the November meeting and with the attorney advice on the correct wording. Motion Carried (5-0)

Hillsdale County Road Commission proposed changes for Chief Street Project:

Andrews road with the Hillsdale County Road commission inspecting the townships road projects. All the projects are okay except for Chief St. The road commission suggests only ditch in the low areas and adding more limestone to various locations on Chief St.

- Parker moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the changes on the Chief St project. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Speed Limit change on Banker Road between S. Allen Rd & Blair Rd per concerned citizens:

Andrews had been contacted by the County Road Commission and local residence about changing the speed limit on Bankers Rd between S. Allen Rd and Blair Rd. It was decided the matter needs to be investigated more.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENT:

- Allan Andrews providing:
 - 2024 Hillsdale County Road Commission Proposed Amended Budget
 - 2025 Hillsdale County Road Commission Proposed Original Budget
 - Hillsdale County Road Commission Permit & Inspection Fee Schedule

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaugher, Reading Township Clerk