

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Adam Mesarosh, Corey Burk, Larry Richards, Doug Tripp, Maureen Miller, Kathy Mikolayczyk, Linda Burcewicz, Fred Sawyer, Angela Roberts, Maleck Goshorn, Millard McCowen, Heath and Brenda Smith Sr, Fred Bockelman and Janice Garczynski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the agenda of November 11, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Millard McCowen, Brush Rd Montgomery has concerns with his neighbor living in a motor home with an electric cord running from the main home. They also have a couple of dogs barking constantly. He has tried to contract Harold Farris numerous times.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

Andrews reported that Fowler Road is almost completed by the Hillsdale County Road Commission.

CEMETERY: None

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, Farris being absent

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The following minutes were handed out. Mesarosh had nothing more to report.

- Approved Minutes – August 19, 2024, meeting
- Proposed Minutes – October 21, 2024, meeting

LIBRARY BOARD:

Mesarosh had nothing to report.

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: Republic Services has increased our monthly service bill by 7%, which makes the cost per dumpster \$63.93, still reasonable fee.
- Revenues: October 2024 - \$1,875.00
- Expenditures: October 2024 – Republic Waste \$1,940.15 and Payroll \$352.00

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Nothing to report

Hillsdale County Road Commission proposed changes for Chief Street Project:

Per Bob Griffis, Manager for the Hillsdale County Road Commission email to Allan Andrews, October 9, 2024.

“We agreed to hold off on performing the berm & ditch work performed by HCRC crews and instead applying those funds to the purchase of additional Limestone, changing the amount of limestone from the original 200 tons, to approximately 500 tons which should keep the estimated township cost about the same as what was originally approved by your board of (\$11,850.00).”

The changes were approved by the board.

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

Andrews is waiting for the State of Michigan with the updates. No decision was made.

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

The township will need to update all ARPA-SLFRF funds obligated to projects by the obligation deadline of December 31, 2024, with the State of Michigan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of November’s Bills and Payments:

- Flaughter moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve payment of November’s bills and payments in the amount of \$18,876.01. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Parker-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Hillsdale County Road Commission Annual meeting:

Request from the HCRC for the annual meeting to discuss road and bridge projects performed in 2024 and to plan for the 2025 construction season. The board decided either the 7th or 8th in January 2025 at either 5:00 or 6:00 pm. Flaughter will get back with the road commission to set up the meeting time and report back at the December meeting.

Approval of Condition Use Permit – Daycare:

The Planning Commission approved the application for conditional use for a daycare at 7760 Card Rd, Angela Roberts, and have sent to the township board for their approval.

- Flaughter moved, Gripman seconded to approve the conditional use permit for the daycare at 7760 Card Rd, for Angela Roberts. Roberts will send the township a copy of her license from the State of Michigan once it’s issued. M/C 5-0

2023-2024 Audit:

Greg Bailey, Bailey, Hodshire & Company, P.C. reported on the Reading Township Audit for the year ending March 31, 2024. He handed out the reports and went over key factors in conducting the audit. The Audit is on file for anyone who wishes to review.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENT:

- Kathy Flaughter providing:
 - 2024 Hillsdale County Drain Commission Drain/Lake Assessment:

- Flaughter moved, Gripman seconded to approve the At-Large amount of \$601.13 to be paid to the Drain Commission. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Gripman–Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Andrews-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

- Election Report
- New Board Members

Flaughter thanked Andrews and Mesarosh for all that they have done for the board and community and wished them good luck in their future. She also welcomed the new supervisor and trustee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Next Regular Meeting will be December 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughter, Reading Township Clerk