

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2024**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Flaughner, Burke, Sawyer, and Gripman present. Parker was absent.

GUESTS: Larry Richards, Fred Bockelman, James Dearmond Sr, Jake Lashaway and Mark Wiley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the agenda of December 9, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Gripman moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the minutes of November 11, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Bockelman asked about the money spent on the Kimball Point mentioned in the winter newsletter.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Mark Wiley reported on various Hillsdale County activities. The next commission meeting will be held on 12/10/2024. The commissioners will have two public hearings at the meeting, one for the 2025-2026 budget and another one for doing away with the county planning commission. Lifeways will be building a new building on Industrial Dr, to possibly be completed early fall of 2026.

ROAD COMMISSION: None

CEMETERY:

Jake Lashaway reported no problems or issues with the cemeteries.

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:

Harold handed out his September, October, and November zoning reports.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Larry asked about who the new board member will be on the planning commission.

LIBRARY BOARD: None

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: Supervisor, Corey Burke will be checking the containers on Mondays.
- Revenues: November 2024 - \$2061.00
- Expenditures: November 2024 – Republic Waste \$2,051.94 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 as applicants will be following the Right to Farm Act. The board has considered this matter closed.

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

No decision was made, and the board has considered this matter closed.

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

The clerk will be talking with Greg Bailey about filing the report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of December's Bills and Payments:

- Gripman moved, Flaughner seconded to approve payment of December's bills and payments in the amount of \$24,738.98. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Burke-Yes, Sawyer-Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Purposed Rate Update for Republic Services:

Flaughner received from Republic Services a rate change, which was lower than the current contract.

- Gripman moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the new contract with Republic Services in the amount of \$1,412.33 per month. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Burke-Yes, Sawyer-Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Employee Bonus (2 employees):

Flaughner requested approval for the two-employee bonus for 2024 same as previous years.

- Gripman moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the employee bonus for the two employees in the amount of \$200.00 each. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Burke-Yes, Sawyer-Yes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Appointing Board Representative to Library Board and Planning Commission:

Trustee, Fred Sawyer agreed to be the township board representative on the Library Board term ending 12/31/2028 and the Planning Commission term ending 8/31/2025.

2025 Meeting Dates Approval:

-Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the 2025 Reading Township board meeting dates. Motion Carried (4-0)

Hillsdale County Road Commission Annual meeting:

Flaughner reported the annual meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm at the Hillsdale County Road Commission office.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENT:

Gripman will be researching investing into CD with the general fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Next Regular Meeting will be January 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

-Flaughner moved and Burke seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Corey Burke, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk