

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Fred Bockelman, Ruth & Mike Pawliski, Rick & Elaine Gallant, Melissa & Clarence Barnett, Chris & Ed Greene, Steve Luma, Maureen Miller, Gretchen Oberdick, David Cleveland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Flaughner moved, Burke seconded to approve the agenda of March 10, 2025, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Burke moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the minutes of February 10, 2025, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

GUEST SPEAKER: Dave Cleveland, DMCI addressed the board for support for DMCI Broadband LLC proposed Michigan BEAD broadband deployment project. He handed out maps with the current and future BEAD Fiber locations. Mr. Cleveland also answered any questions asked.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Greene and neighbors talked about the condition of Hakes Rd. along with a blight property located on Hakes Rd.

Gretchen Oberdick asked the new board members about their vision for the township.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Harold Farris handed out his January & February 2025 report. Farris reported that he has three (3) upcoming court appearances regarding ordinance violations. Gripman asked about the property at 10429 Bankers Rd with the older mobile home and all the travel trailers. Farris will try to contact Mr. Lonnie Riddle Jr property owner.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Trustee Sawyer had nothing to report to the board.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Sawyer reported that the next library meeting will be on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: It was reported that one of the dumpsters has a large hole in the bottom and needs replacement.
- Revenues: February 2025 - \$1,596.00
- Expenditures: February 2025 – Republic Waste \$1,417.04 and Payroll \$352.00

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2025-01 – Rezoning request approval – Certified Tower Maintenance, INC –

- Burke moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the request from Certified Tower Maintenance, INC to amend the zoning map of Reading Township to rezone parcel #30-10-014-300-009-14-7-4 from the Agricultural Zoning District to the Commercial Zoning District. Motion Carried (5-0)

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund / American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update - None

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of March's Bills and Payments:

- Flaughner moved, Burke seconded to approve payment of March's bills and payments in the amount of \$10,159.54. Roll Call: Parker–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Burke–Yes, Flaughner–Yes, Sawyer–Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution 2025-05 – Approved Schedule of Salaries and Pay Rates:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the township board of Reading Township salaries for the offices of the elected officials, contracted positions (with the increase for the township assessor), and hired and appointed township positions for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Roll Call: Parker–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Burke–Yes, Flaughner–Yes, Sawyer–Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution 2025-06 – Waive Interest and Penalties:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve Township of Reading, the governing body of the local tax collection unit shall waive the penalty levied under subsection (1)(c) or (d). Roll Call: Parker–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Burke–Yes, Flaughner–Yes, Sawyer–Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approved Assessor Contract Expiring 3/31/2027:

- Burke moved, Parker seconded to approve the Independent Contractor Assessing Services effective April 1, 2025, between Reading Township and Ben Wheeler Company in the amount of \$2,125.00 per month with the contract expiring March 31, 2027. Roll Call: Parker–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Burke–Yes, Flaughner–Yes, Sawyer–Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Domestic harmony Contract:

- Burke moved, Parker seconded to approve the Domestic Harmony for 2025 in the amount of \$250.00. Roll Call: Parker–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Burke–Yes, Flaughner–Yes, Sawyer–Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution 2025-07 – Approval of DMCI Support to expand DMCI's high speed Fiber Internet:

- Burke moved, Sawyer seconded to approve support to DMCI Broadband LLC proposed Michigan BEAD broadband deployment project. Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution 2025-01, Resolution 2025-02, Resolution 2025-03, Resolution 2025-04 - PA116 Applications:

- Burke moved, Parker seconded to approve all four (4) PA116 applications for James and Justine Galloway. Motion Carried (5-0)

Reappointment Kenneth McClellan and Jennifer Kast to Board of Review, term ending 12/31/2026:

- Burke moved, Flaughner seconded to approve the reappointment of Ken McClellan and Jennifer Kast to Board of Review, term ending 12/31/2026. Motion Carried (5-0)

- Flaughner moved, Burke seconded to close the regular meeting for the 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried (5-0)

2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing

The 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing meeting called to Order by Supervisor Burke at 7:54 pm

Public comments: None

2025-2026 Annual Budget discussion: None

Public comments: None

Closing of the Public Hearing:

- Flaughner moved, Burke seconded to close the Public Hearing at 8:09 pm. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve 2025-2026 Annual Budget:

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded to approve the 2025-2026 annual budget as presented. Roll Call: Parker-Yes, Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

The treasurer settlement with the Hillsdale County Treasurer will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Next Regular Meeting will be April 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

-Burke moved and Flaughner seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Corey Burke, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk