

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 11, 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: Ken McClellan, Linda Burcewicz, Fred Brockelman, Mike Parney, Bev Bradstreet, Victor Lengacher, and Georgia O'Neill.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve the agenda of August 11, 2025, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Burke moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the minutes of July 14, 2025, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bev Bradstreet, the Amish liaison, asked why the zoning administrator would require the Amish farm on Card Rd to remove the young calves from his property. She had contacted different offices of the State of Michigan and was told they had no idea what she was talking about, having the farm register with the State of Michigan. The administrator explained to Ms. Bradstreet that when the permit for the barn was submitted that the barn could be built, but that no animals would be allowed to be there until they registered with the Michigan Commission of Agriculture & Rural Development. The owner did admit to being told that information.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION:

Mike Parney attended the meeting and reported the second brining in the township will be conducted soon.

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Harold Farris handed out his July Zoning Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Approved Minutes from April 21, 2025, regular meeting was handed out. Trustee Sawyer reported a special meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the township hall to discuss a site plan review for installation of a Verizon Wireless Telecommunication Tower and to also hold a public hearing for text amendment to Reading Township Zoning Ordinance for Lake Residential Setbacks to Article 11, Section 7.04(b).

LIBRARY BOARD:

Sawyer reported nothing new.

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: Supervisor Burke will talk with Mr. Teller about the use of a porta john and will communicate with Republic Waste about not doing a dump in July. Mr. Teller had crushed down the containers and did some mowing in the area in which he broke his mower.
- Revenues: July 2025 - \$2,648.00
- Expenditures: July 2025 – Republic Waste \$1,402.86 and Payroll \$352.00

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Zoning Administrator request for a wage and phone reimbursement increase:

- Burke moved, Flaughner seconded to approve to increase the phone reimbursement to \$40.00 per month and increase his wages 10% (\$70.00 per month) effective September 2025. Roll Call: Parker–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of August's Bills and Payments:

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of August's bills and payments in the amount of \$51,702.37. Roll Call: Parker–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

2025 Millage Reduction Fraction Calculation, Truth in Taxation and L-4029 Tax Rate Request:

- Flaughner moved, Burke seconded to approve the tax rate of .9855, the same as last year. Roll Call: Parker–Yes, Gripman–Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve Amended Verbiage for Animal Feeding Operations:

- Flaughner moved, Burke seconded to approve the planning commission recommendation to replace all text reading “High Density Animal Feeding Operation” with Animal Feeding Operation for text amendments to the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Section 4.03 (m) All Animal Feeding Operations must follow all Michigan Agriculture and Rural Development rules, Article 13 Section 13.06 (b)(16), Article 14, Section 14.05 (b)(3) and Article 14, Section 14.05 (d) – Animal Feeding Operations. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approved Conditional Use Permit for Pivot Energy MI 1 LLC:

- Burke moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the planning commission recommendation to Conditional Use Permit for Pivot Energy MI 1 LLC – Burell Farm. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENT:

Clerk Flaughner reported the Hillsdale Conservation District will be having an E-Waste Collection from August 18th – September 5th. She also reported the Hillsdale County Chapter MTA will be bring back the monthly meetings starting with Hillsdale Township hosting September's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken McCullum reported that he has had communication with the state regarding the Animal Feeding Operations.

Next Regular Meeting will be September 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Corey Burke, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk