

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Burke, Flaughter, Sawyer, Parker and Gripman are present.

GUESTS: Mark Wiley, Steve Nemeth, Jake Lashaway, Fred & Donna (no last name or address given).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Gripman moved, Flaughter seconded to approve the agenda of January 12, 2026, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Gripman moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the minutes of December 8, 2025, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donna (no last name or address given) talked about the Open Meetings Act, as she has a copy and will start getting more involved with the community. She offered to send a PDF file of the Open Meetings Act for anyone who would like to have a copy.

Fred (no last name or address given) talked about a large-scale commercial facility in Saline Township for Supercomputer Data Center construction happening in Washtenaw County that could affect Reading Township should the company want to expand and build a center in the area.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Mark Wiley reported to the board when the Hillsdale County Commission meetings are held. The commissioners approved the 2026-2027 Hillsdale County Budget with a 10% wage increase while working with the 911 employees trying to get the same wages. The sheriff's office is asking the public to report any specious phone calls.

ROAD COMMISSION: None

CEMETERY:

Jake Lashaway, Sexton reported a pine tree in Gleason cemetery was struck by lightning and will need to be removed. All the other cemeteries look good.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Harold Farris handed out his November and December reports.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Sawyer had nothing to report. Flaughter mentioned that a meeting is scheduled for January.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Sawyer had nothing to report.

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: Burke reported the porta john is currently frozen to the ground and will be moved when it thaws out.

- Revenues: December 2025 - \$1,714.00
- Expenditures: December 2025 – Republic Waste \$1,428.88 and Payroll \$352.00

OLD BUSINESS:

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund / American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update – Greg Bailey, Bailey & Hodshire reported the final report with the state is due in April at which time he will file the report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of January's Bills and Payments:

- Gripman moved, Sawyer seconded to approve payment of January's bills and payments in the amount of \$1,167.07. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Hillsdale County Road Commission 2026-2027 budget Year Road Projects:

- Flaughner moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment in the amount of \$20,400.00 for two applications of brine. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)
- Gripman moved, Parker seconded to approve payment in the amount of \$64,125.00 for 1,500 tons of 23 A Limestone, with a board member assisting with selecting the locations. Along with Paver Patch, sealcoat, fog seal and shoulder gravel on Lilac Rd from M-99 to Gilmore Rd in the amount of \$90,900.00. And the same work on Abbott Rd from Crawford Rd to Reading Rd (including both cutoffs at Reading Rd) for \$89,275.00. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

2026 Revisions to Hillsdale County Early Voting Agreement:

- Flaughner moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the 2026 Revisions to Hillsdale County Early Voting Agreement. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENT:

Flaughner provided the board with the 2025 Montgomery Fire & Rescue call volume report. Flaughner also reminded the board that it's time to start getting cost around for the 2026-2027 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred (no last name or address given) asked if the board knew what the ratio of seniors to families' residents was for the township. He also shared with the board that he listens to news on midwesternnews.com and mentions the information is very good.

Next Regular Meeting will be February 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Corey Burke, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk