

**Reading Township  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 9, 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:** James Hixson, Fred & Donna (no last name or address given), Ken McClellan, Don (no last name or address given), and Linda Burcewicz.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded to approve the agenda of February 9, 2026, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Burke moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the minutes of January 12, 2025, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Donna (no last name or address given) asked if she was being recorded, she also talked about the Open Meetings Act training online (OMA Training Videos & Resources, Grand Rapids Michigan) by Foster Swift Collins & Smith, PC. She states she is researching property tax laws. She had a suggestion for the open comment section at the end of the meeting to be handed by the supervisor calling upon show of hands. She feels this will eliminate sideline conversions. At the end of the meeting, she would like a copy of the oath of office that has been given.

Fred (no last name or address given) talked about a large-scale commercial facility having 43 locations in 21 cities in Michigan and the providers' funding comes from various business. The data centers use a massive amount of energy and water consumption. He had various information on the data centers.

**COUNTY COMMISSION: None**

**ROAD COMMISSION: None**

**CEMETERY: None**

**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 January reports.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Approved minutes from October 20, 2025, regular meeting and proposed minutes from January 19, 2026, regular meeting were handed out. The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2026.

**LIBRARY BOARD:**

Sawyer reported renovations are going well. The new director is directing new programs for the young generation. Clerk Flaughter was notified that the township needs to fill the township resident position on the board as Phyllis Newell is unable to continue. The position is a 4-year term, and the meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:00 am. The next meeting will be March 24, 2026.

**Transfer Station:**

- Any Updates: None
- Revenues: January 2026 - \$1,254.00
- Expenditures: January 2026 – Republic Waste \$1,431.27 and Payroll \$352.00

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Payment of February’s Bills and Payments:**

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of February’s bills and payments in the amount of \$2,335.00. 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:**

The road commission informed the clerk as the updated pricing for the 1,500 tons for the 23 A Limestone to be \$42,750.00 and signatures were signed on the corrected agreement. The original amount to approved originally was \$64,125.00.

**2026–2027 Budget Public Hearing:**

It was agreed that the 2026-2027 Budget public hearing will be held on regular Township Board meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026.

**Reading Township principles of Governance approval:**

- Flaughner moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the Reading Township Principles of Governance as encouraged by the Michigan Township Association. Motion Carried (5-0)

**FUTURE BUSINESS:**

Budget approval

**OTHER BUSINESS: None**

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Flaughner provided the board with the January 2026 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. Burke will be contacting the attorney regarding a letter he received about the Laurie Cooper matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Fred (no last name or address given) commented that he was happy with the Reading Fire Department helping his neighbor.

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Corey Burke, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughner, Reading Township Clerk