

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Daniel Cole, Jennifer Wertz, Dustin Wheeler, Steve Nemeth and Abby Hawkins

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded to approve the minutes of February 9, 2025, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daniel Cole talked about the condition of Blair Rd with potholes.
Jennifer Wertz gave an update on the state-level budget and other projects.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION:

Mike Parney stopped in to check to see if he could answer any questions the board or residents would have about the road commission.

CEMETERY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman mentioned that the next fire board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the fire department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Harold Farris handed out his February reports.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2026.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Sawyer reported renovations are going well. Clerk Flaughner reported she has found a replacement for the township resident position on the Library Board. The replacement is Roby Galloway. The next meeting will be March 24, 2026.

Transfer Station:

- Any Updates: per supervisor, Burke the porta john should be delivered soon.
- Revenues: February 2026 - \$1,306.00
- Expenditures: February 2026 – Republic Waste \$1,379.00 and Payroll \$352.00

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of March's Bills and Payments:

- Flaughner moved, Sawyer seconded to approve payment of March's bills and payments in the amount of \$2,048.21. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution 2026-01 - Approved Schedule of Salaries and Pay Rates:

- Flaughner moved, Sawyer seconded to approve the 2026/2027 FY Salaries and Pay Rates. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution 2026-02 – Waive Interest and Penalties:

- Flaughner moved, Burke seconded to approve the Interest and Penalties waiver for upcoming tax season. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

West Shore Services, Inc Inspection & Annual Preventative Maintenance:

- Flaughner moved, Burke seconded to approve the Annual Preventative Maintenance Agreement, 2027-2030 with West Shore Services for the Outdoor Warning Equipment on Long Lake Rd for \$575.00 annually. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approval of Budget Amendments:

- Burke moved, Sawyer seconded to approve payment to approve the attached budget amendments. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Domestic Harmony Contract:

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of service contract with Domestic Harmony for 2026 in the amount of \$250.00. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Ted Hartleb Agency (EMC Insurance Companies) Insurance Coverage:

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded to approve insurance coverage from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, in the amount of \$8,350. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Closure of regular meeting and opening of the 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing

Public Comments: None

2026-2027 Annual Budget Discussion:

Much discussion was had on how to reduce the submitted budget. It was decided to complete the Abbott Rd project with the Hillsdale County Road Commission and table the Lilic Rd project. No other budget was discussed.

Public Comment: None

-Burke moved and Sawyer seconded to close the 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approve 2026-2027 Annual Budget by Function:

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded to approve the budget from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, by function in the amount of \$461,885.00. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Burke-Yes, Flaughner-Yes, Sawyer-Yes, and Parker-Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENT:

Flaughner reported that the Hillsdale Conservation District is providing E-Waste Collection again this year,

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dustin Wheeler asked the board to post on the township's website a notice for the fire department, taking applications for fire fighters.

Next Regular Meeting will be April 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Corey Burke, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughter, Reading Township Clerk