Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Burke at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Burke, Flaugher, Sawyer, Parker and Gripman were present.

GUESTS: Kathy Mikolajczyk, Linda Burcewicz, Abby Hawkins, Larry Richard, Dan Cole, Allan Andrews, Jared Mapes, Amanda Bloomer, Gretchen Oberdick, Chrise Benjamin, Matthew Flaugher, Donna, and Fred.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Flaugher moved, Sawyer seconded, to approve the agenda for the September 14, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Burke moved, Gripman seconded, to approve the minutes of August 10, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Cole thanked the board for the assistance with Blair Rd that he requested in March 2026.

Allan Andrews reported three locations on Ridge Dr that need attention, including washouts that will require limestone. He stated that this should be considered for the 2027-2028 budget.

Jared Mapes asked the Board to dismiss the citation his mother; Linda Knowland, received for the property nuisance at 7123 Bankers Road. Discussion was had between Jared Mapes and Harold Farris, Zoning Administrator.

Linda Burcewicz asked to have the nuisance zoning ordinance explained to her.

Donna asked if the second dust control application could be done. She also commented about the drainage on Ridge Drive.

Fred spoke about having the washouts repaired on Ridge Drive. He reported that he has been in contact with Sherie Dooley-Jones from Steinbauer Engineering regarding a discussion with the Township about Data Centers.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None.

ROAD COMMISSION: None.

CEMETERY:

Jake Lashaway reported that some brush and trees will need to be cleared in the township cemeteries. He also reported he will be retiring from mowing but asked to still continue serving as the Township Sexton.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gripman reported that the next Fire Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Reading City Hall. Gripman also introduced the new Fire Chief, Matthew Flaugher. Matthew provided an update on the new fire truck.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Harold Farris did not hand out his monthly report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Sawyer reported that the Planning Commission members, along with Zoning Administrator Harold Farris, attended training with the Michigan Township Association on August 31, 2026. The training focused on data centers.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Sawyer reported that the library is continuing renovations.

TRANSFER STATION:

- No updates.
- Revenues (August 2026): $2,453.00
- Expenditures (August 2026): Republic Waste – $1,507.28; Payroll – $440.00

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Burke moved, Sawyer seconded, to approve payment of the September bills and payments in the amount of $2,069.99. Roll call vote: Gripman – Yes; Burke – Yes; Flaugher – Yes; Parker – Yes; Sawyer – Yes. Motion carried (5-0).

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Flaugher reported the November 3, 2026, General Election Public Accuracy Test and the Election Commission meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 11:00 am.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

BOARD COMMENT:

Flaugher reported that she included in the packet the Hillsdale County Road Commission – Reading Township updates and the Montgomery Call Volume Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Burke moved, Flaugher seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Burke, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaugher, Reading Township Clerk MM260914