

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board  
April 12, 2004, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM with Dave Newell, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker and Judy Wheeler present. Randy Wigent absent. Also present were Cathy Galloway, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Clark Bisbee, Peter Bisbee, Mike McCavit, Sr. and Chuck Rutz at 7:05.

The minutes of the March 8, 2004 Regular meeting were read and approved.

Clark Bisbee, a candidate for the 7<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. Congressional seat, talked about his qualifications.

Cathy Galloway was requesting a split of property in the name of Lloyd and Fern Bowman on Card Road. It was explained that she should request variance through the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Zoning Administrator, Chuck Rutz asked questions about how a storage building could be built at Round Lake. It was explained that this would go before the Planning Commission.

A special Planning Commission meeting will be held on Monday, April 26, 2004 at 12:00 noon at the Township Hall. The Township Board is encouraged to attend this meeting.

A motion was made by Dave Newell and supported by Ron Parker to amend the 2003/2004 Township Cemetery Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2003/2004 year. This motion carried 4-0.

Then a motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Dave Newell to amend the 2003/2004 Transfer Station Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2003/2004 year. This motion carried 4-0.

A budget hearing was held. Copies of the proposed general fund budget, transfer station budget and the township cemetery fund budget were provided to everyone in attendance. The opportunity to provide comments and/or make suggestions on any of the budgets was offered. This opportunity was extended to include the entire meeting time. There were not any comments or suggestions on any of the budgets.

A motion to establish the Township Tax Levy for 2004 at the same one mill however reduced as required under MCL 211.34d was made by Dave Newell and supported by Ron Parker. This motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Dave Newell to collect the one-percent administrative fee on the 2004 taxes to help offset the costs of tax administration and collection. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Dave Newell to not impose a late penalty charge on 2004 winter taxes that are paid before the end of February 2005. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a discussion of the proposed general fund budget for 2004/2005 and a number of the items that have been allowed for in that budget. These were a contract with Domestic Harmony, a new voting machine system to replace the existing AVM machines, participation in the countywide GIS system of having parcel maps digitized, Participation in an updated “Flyover” and having zoning maps digitized.

Other items allowed for were to provide for repairs and upgrades to the township hall building, an audit of the 2003/2004 fiscal year, the Fire Departments budget request and allowance for contracts with the Road Commission.

There were still no comments or other suggestions concerning the proposed budget.

A motion to adopt the 2004/2005 General Fund Budget as presented was made by Dave Newell and supported by Judy Wheeler. This showed proposed receipts of \$171,000 and proposed expenditures of \$405,000. This motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Dave Newell to adopt the 2004/2005 Township Cemetery Fund Budget as presented. This has proposed receipts and expenditures of \$14,000. This motion carried 4-0.

A motion to adopt the 2004/2005 Transfer Station Fund Budget as presented was made by Judy Wheeler and supported by Dave Newell. This has proposed receipts and expenditures of \$21,000. This motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Ron Parker and then supported by Judy Wheeler to sign a contract with the Road Commission for \$83,750 to finish Quackenbush Road from Sand Lake Road to M-49. This motion carried 4-0.

A motion was then made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Dave Newell to sign a contract with the Road Commission for \$8,200 for "Various Gravel Roads" specifically for Blair Road and that we would request additional gravel if available. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Dave Newell and supported by Roger Wheeler to contract with Domestic Harmony for \$250 for the 2004/2005 year. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Dave Newell to pay bills and make payments for the month of April for a total amount of \$9,763.14. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Dave Newell supported by Judy Wheeler to accept a bid from Republic Waste Services for placing two 40 yard Dumpsters at the Transfer Station and hauling at a cost of \$140 per haul plus \$32 per ton for disposal. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Ron Parker supported by Judy Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Roger Wheeler,  
Reading Township Clerk

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