

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
December 13, 2004, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Judy Wheeler and Ron Parker present. Randy Wigent absent. Also present were Harold Farris, Kathy Mikolajczyk and Bret Hutchins.

The minutes of the November 8, 2004 regular meeting were read and approved.

The Township Board had been asked by the Road Commission to select from a list of road commission proposed dates, a first choice and a second choice for meeting times and dates to meet with the road commission. The Township Board chose Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 7:00 PM as a first choice and Tuesday January 18, 2005 at 7:00 PM as a second choice. This was then given to Road Commissioner Bret Hutchins.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris, turned in his report for the month of November and noted that he will meet with attorney Kevin Shirk on Tuesday, December 14, 2004. He indicated concern with some areas of junk accumulation and thought that some additional junk restrictions may be necessary. He also brought up for discussion some signs in the road right-of-way. Road Commissioner Bret Hutchins will have someone look into this.

There is an MSU Extension program for Branch and Hillsdale counties that is designed for Local Planning Commissioners and Zoning Board of Appeals members. This is a seven to nine week program (one evening each week). Registrations due by January 6. Program starts on January 20. There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Ron Parker to have the Township pay the course fees for any of the Reading Township Board members, Reading Township Planning Commission members, Reading Township Zoning Board of Appeals members and Zoning Administrator. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Ron Parker to re-appoint Phyllis Newell to the Library Board with this new term running to December 31, 2007. This motion carried 4-0.

James Galloway has been serving on the Board of Review. By having been elected Township Supervisor, James is now the Secretary of the Board of Review and a replacement for the remainder of his BOR term will be necessary. There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Ron Parker to appoint David Newell to fill the remainder of that position on the Board of Review, which expires on December 31, 2004. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Ron Parker to re-appoint David Newell, Gary Lovett and Charles Schroeder to new terms on the board of review which will expire on December 31, 2006. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Ron Parker supported by James Galloway to adopt a resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to submit a grant application for the purchase of an optical scan voting system. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Ron Parker to pay bills and make payments for a total amount of \$24,508.30. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Judy Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.