

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
April 11, 2005, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker and Judy Wheeler present. Randy Wigent absent. Also present were Kathy Mikolajczyk, Dean Briner, Jeff Giffey, Dustin Wheeler, Joe Pavka and Bret Hutchins.

The minutes of the March 14, 2005 Regular meeting were approved as presented.

Joe Pavka questioned the width of the possible paving of Lakeside Drive. James Galloway will talk with Road Commissioner, Stan Clingerman, about this project.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Ron Parker to amend the 2004/2005 Township Cemetery Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2004/2005 year. This motion carried 4-0.

Then a motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Ron Parker to amend the 2004/2005 Transfer Station Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2004/2005 year. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Ron Parker to amend the 2004/2005 General Fund Budget by increasing the proposed Fire Department Expense by \$5,000 from \$124,000 to \$129,000 and Decreasing the proposed Assessor Expense by \$5,000 from \$25,000 to \$20,000. This motion carried 4-0.

A budget hearing was held. Copies of the proposed 2005/2006 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 2005 at the same one mill however reduced as required under MCL 211.34d was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by James Galloway. This motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by James Galloway to collect the one-percent administrative fee on the 2005 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 James Galloway to not impose a late penalty charge on 2005 winter taxes that are paid before the end of February 2006. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a discussion of the proposed general fund budget for 2005/2006 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, planning and zoning expenses.

Other items allowed for were to provide for some more repairs and upgrades to the township hall building, the Fire Departments budget request, allowance for contracts with the Road Commission, a standard equalization and mapping Service agreement with Hillsdale County and a new copy machine.

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

A motion to adopt the 2005/2006 General Fund Budget as presented was made by James Galloway and supported by Ron Parker. This showed proposed receipts of \$176,700 and proposed expenditures of \$320,200. This motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by James Galloway and supported by Ron Parker to adopt the 2005/2006 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 2005/2006 Transfer Station Fund Budget as presented was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by James Galloway. This has proposed receipts and expenditures of \$17,000. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Judy Wheeler and supported by James Galloway to contract with Domestic Harmony for \$250 for the 2005/2006 year. This motion failed on a 2-2 vote. Judy Wheeler and Ron Parker voting in favor of the motion and Roger Wheeler and James Galloway voting against this motion.

A motion was made by James Galloway and then supported by Ron Parker to sign a contract with the Road Commission for \$1,500 to seal-coat Ridge Drive. This motion carried 3-1 with Judy Wheeler voting against this motion.

A motion was then made by James Galloway and supported by Ron Parker to sign a contract with the Road Commission for \$12,650 to seal-coat and do some paver patching to the east two miles of Card road. This motion carried 4-0.

A motion was then made by James Galloway and supported by Ron Parker to sign a contract with the Road Commission for \$8,550 to seal-coat and paver patch one spot on the west two miles of Card road. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Ron Parker to sign an agreement with the Hillsdale County Equalization Department for Tax bill printing, Tax roll maintenance and mapping Service for the 2005 tax season at a cost of \$1.80 per parcel. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to pay bills and make payments for the month of April for a total amount of \$1,799.19. This motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Galloway reported the case on the Morgan property was won by the Township, this was by default as Wilmer Morgan failed to appear. There will be a hearing on Monday, April 16, 2005 on the zoning violation dispute with the Vincent's.

The next Fire Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Reading Fire Barn. This is being moved from Wednesday, April 13, 2005 so that action can be taken on the bids that are due April 15, 2005 for the sale of the old pumper.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Judy Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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