

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
March 13, 2006, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Judy Wheeler, Randy Wigent and Ron Parker present. Also present were Harold Farris, Gary Lovett, Bob Godfrey, Sue Jacoby, Rick Holmes and Kathy Mikolajczyk.

The minutes of the February 13, 2006 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Sue Jacoby and Rick Holmes were representing the Chamber of Commerce and were proposing that Reading Township join with the city of Reading and the Chamber of Commerce in producing and sending out a “Chamber Newsletter”. This will be put on the April agenda as an action item.

Gary Lovett, Chairman of the Reading Township Planning Commission, presented a proposal from Tim Johnson of MainStreet Planning on “Costs to prepare amendments to the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance”. This was a list of eight items (amendments and tasks) with a cost for each item. The Township Board authorized the Planning Commission to pick two, three or four items on the list and proceed with them to see how well this works out

A “Jaws of Life” Map has been developed. This was a map of the township that is broken down into areas of coverage for surrounding emergency response units when a “Jaws of Life” is called for by 911 dispatchers. There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Randy Wigent to adopt this proposed “Jaws of Life” map. This motion carried 5-0.

There was some discussion of zoning type issues. There was a discussion of possibly developing road restrictions on the weight or length of trucks in small subdivisions. Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris questioned the 12-month requirement to rebuild. The Zoning Administrator will send letters to property owners with zoning violations with copies to the township board. There was some discussion on where the zoning enforcement process should begin.

There was a review of the monthly Fire Department report. The Fire Board has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at the Fire Barn.

A question was brought up as to if it would be possible for a few of the residents on Lakeside Drive to pay for that paving project over two years. There was a motion by James Galloway, supported by Randy Wigent to permit this, but only with a letter of commitment for this. This motion carried 4-1 with Judy Wheeler voting against this.

A proposed asset level test for the Board of Review to use when considering property tax poverty exemptions was presented. There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to adopt this as presented. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments for the month of March for an amount of \$10,865.39 and also to pay the Board of Review pay and the meeting pay for the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a brief discussion of a budget that will be presented at a budget hearing as part of the next regular meeting that will be on April 10, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by James Galloway to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.