

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
April 10, 2006, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Randy Wigent and Judy Wheeler present. Also present were Kathy Mikolajczyk, Bruce Caswell and Harold Farris.

The minutes of the March 13, 2006 Regular meeting were approved as presented.

State Representative Bruce Caswell updated the board on five items. These were the Single Business Tax, Cable access over phone lines, the tobacco settlement money use, the ballot proposals and the Railroad lines feeding into the county. He discussed these items and answered questions from the board and others present.

There were no further comments or questions from guests.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to amend the 2005/2006 Township Cemetery Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2005/2006 year. This motion carried 5-0.

Then a motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to amend the 2005/2006 Transfer Station Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2005/2006 year. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to amend the 2005/2006 General Fund Budget by increasing the proposed Fire Department Interest Expense by \$10 from \$3,422.50 to \$3,432.50 and Decreasing the proposed Fire Department Transfers Out by \$10 from \$26,270 to \$26,260. This motion carried 5-0.

A budget hearing was held. Copies of the proposed 2006/2007 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 2006 at the same one mill however reduced as required under MCL 211.34d was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to collect the one-percent administrative fee on the 2006 taxes to help offset the costs of tax administration and collection. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to not impose a late penalty charge on 2006 winter taxes that are paid before the end of February 2007. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion of the proposed general fund budget for 2006/2007 and a number of the items that have been allowed for in that budget. These were a contract with Domestic Harmony, the Fire Departments budget request, allowance for contracts with the Road Commission, a new copy machine along with planning and zoning expenses and enforcement.

Other items allowed for were to provide for some more repairs and upgrades to the township hall building such as inside painting, inside door replacement, replacement of carpeting in meeting room and office and possibly a storage facility or room.

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

A motion to adopt the 2006/2007 General Fund Budget as presented was made by James Galloway and supported by Judy Wheeler. This showed proposed receipts of \$189,680 and proposed expenditures of \$293,200. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by James Galloway and supported by Roger Wheeler to adopt the 2006/2007 Township Cemetery Fund Budget as presented. This has proposed receipts and expenditures of \$14,000. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt the 2006/2007 Transfer Station Fund Budget as presented was made by James Galloway and supported by Judy Wheeler. This has proposed receipts and expenditures of \$19,000. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion of a proposed contract with Domestic Harmony for \$250 for the 2006/200 year. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Ron Parker and then supported by Randy Wigent to sign a contract with the Road Commission for \$15,800 to pulverize Humphrey Road and prepare it for paving in the future. This motion carried 5-0.

The board was in agreement to ask for a contract from the Road Commission on the proposed repair of the Hemlock Road Bridge. This was for \$10,702 township cost which would be 50% if the Road Commission would agree to this.

There was a discussion of the Fire Department and the Fire Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris provided a report and noted that a number of letters have been sent out concerning non-compliance with the township zoning ordinance.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments for the month of April for a total amount of \$2,160.92. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to approve Herm Engel's application for inclusion in PA 116. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by James Galloway to join with the City of Reading, TIFA and the Chamber of Commerce in producing a quarterly newsletter. The estimated cost to the township is \$1,000. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion of having a township wide spring cleanup where the township would provide the cost of the dumpsters. No action was taken on that.

The board was in agreement to do a "Tire Cleanup". The cost of a 40 cubic yard dumpster for tires would be \$621. Two dumpsters would be set with township residents permitted to dispose of tires at \$2.00 each. The disposal company estimates that 250 to 300 tires can be put in a dumpster. If both of these were filled then a third dumpster would be set a little later for disposal of tires from a roadside cleanup effort within the township.

Supervisor Galloway will try to obtain the information from the DEQ on burning.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.