

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board August 14, 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, Jim Holdgreve, Gary Lovett, Susan Willmont, Marie Mullikin, Carolyn Dietrich, Elwood Dietrich and Harold Farris.

The minutes of the July 10, 2006 Regular meeting were approved as presented and the minutes of the July 10, 2006 Election Commission meeting were approved as presented.

Elwood Dietrich asked about whether or not the park at Hemlock Beech was up for sale. Supervisor Galloway will ask the Road Commission about this.

Marie Mullikin brought up that a portion of Tamarack Drive at Hemlock Beech was being taken over by one of the residents who was building more or less permanent garden structures across the drive. Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris will go there tomorrow to check this out.

It was brought up that someone has put a gate across Beech Drive.

A question was brought up about when the work on Humphrey Road will begin.

The monthly Fire Department's reports for June were reviewed.

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Lovett informed the board that the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance have been given to the Hillsdale County Planning Commission. A meeting of the Township Planning Commission will be held to review the comments from the public hearing.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris gave his monthly report.

There was a motion by James Galloway, supported by Judy Wheeler to reappoint Gary Lovett to the Planning commission with the new term to expire in August of 2009. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Judy Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to reappoint Kathy Mikolajczyk to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the new term to expire in August of 2009. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to pay bill and make payments for the month of August for a total amount of \$4,877.94. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion of the need for an answering machine or something to direct calls to the appropriate people within the township. This will be researched to decide what is available and at what costs.

Les Newell will no longer do the mowing of the Township Hall and the Cemeteries after this season.

County Building Inspector, Marty Taylor will be contacted about several deteriorated properties in the area.

There was a discussion of the Street Light assessments at Totem Village and questioning about how this was originally set up.

There was a discussion of possibly repairing the broken sandstone tablet type of headstones in the cemeteries.

There was discussion of including in the process for abandoning roadways and other properties a requirement that the Township Board would pass a vote to hold a hearing on the proposed abandonment. (This would indicate that the board feels that the proposed abandonment is worthy of this further consideration)

There was a suggestion that the Board adopt as part of its rules of order a requirement that an item be considered for an action item on the agenda only after it has appeared on the agenda as a discussion item at a previous meeting.

There was a discussion of the overgrown bushes around the township hall building. Harold Farris will trim these and then we will evaluate what should be done.

The Clerk will process a check to pay Pearl Iveson for cleaning the township hall prior to the election.

There was concern issued on the pavement condition on the Circle of Cedar Drive.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by James Galloway to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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