

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
January 8, 2007, 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 and Harold Farris.

The minutes of the December 11, 2006 Regular meeting was approved as presented.

There were no comments from guests.

A Fire Department report was reviewed.

There was some discussion of roads and possible road projects for the coming year. Mentioned were Hemlock Beach Rd. and Cedar Drive along with seal-coating Abbott Rd. A decision will want to be made on what roads will want to have the deberming done.

It was decided to try to have the meeting with the Road Commission changed from 7:00 PM on the 25th of January to 3:30 Pm on that same date.

Harold Farris gave his Zoning Administrator's report. He then suggested that some consideration should perhaps be given to storage units and the types and quantities of storage units. He asked about animals in "Lake Residential" districts and questioned why the zoning districts are not on the GIS maps.

After discussion of two proposed revisions to the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance a motion was made by Ron Parker supported by Judy Wheeler to adopt "Key Hole Regulations", "An ordinance to amend the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 8.15, Riparian Lot Use Regulations". The motion to adopt this ordinance was approved 5-0. This will become Reading Township Ordinance No. 2007-01.

The other proposed revision, "Lake Residential District Amendments", "An Ordinance To Amend The Reading Township Zoning Ordinance To: Delete Section 4.3 C.4 So As To No Longer Allow Two Family And Multi Family Dwellings In The Lake Residential District; To Amend Section 4.6 Schedule Of Regulations To Increase The Minimum Lot Size In The Lake Residential District And; To Amend Section 4.6.D Regarding Buildable Lots and the Combination of Lots of Record for Building Purposes." was tabled until some wording to replace figure 1, proposed by Township Attorney Kevin Shirk could be written into the document.

A Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2007.

MainStreet Planning has quoted a cost of \$700 to develop the necessary amendments to the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance to comply with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to suspend the rules of order to vote on the proposal by MainStreet Planning. This motion carried 5-0. There was then a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to accept the proposal from MainStreet Planning to develop the necessary amendments to the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance to comply with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. This motion carried 5-0.

Another "Citizens Planner Program" is starting up in February in Adrian, Michigan. There are registration fees for this program and for the previous "Citizens Planner Program" the Township paid attendees \$25 per session attended. There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to suspend the rules of order to vote on paying these costs for this new program. This motion carried 5-0. There was then a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to pay the registration fees and to pay any Township Board member, Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission member or Zoning Board of Appeals member \$25 per session attended. 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 January for a total amount of \$3,681.38. This motion carried 5-0.

There was again some discussion of the Township looking into possibly purchasing a lawn mower and ancillary lawn care equipment and hiring someone to mow the hall and the cemeteries.

It was brought up that someone had put 70 bags of garbage into one of the dumpsters at the Transfer Station. There were magazine labels with a name on them.

The Township will begin developing a budget for 2007/2008.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Judy Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

MM070108