

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board  
March 12, 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, Gary Lovett and Harold Farris.

The minutes of the February 12, 2007 Regular meeting were approved as presented.

There were no comments from guests.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to approve a contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for 1,000 cubic yards of gravel for spot gravel patching at various locations throughout the township. This will be at a cost to the township of \$5,000. This motion carried 5-0.

There was then a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Ron Parker to approve a contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission, utilizing JLM Tank Truck Service for two applications of oil field brine at 2,500 gallons per mile for gravel road stabilization. This will be at a cost to the township of \$14,446.88. This motion carried 5-0.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris handed out his monthly report and reported that letters went out to three property owners indicating violations of the zoning ordinance. Supervisor Galloway pointed out that there might be a commercial building being converted to a residence within a commercial district of the township. The Zoning administrator will be attending a seminar on dealing with blight.

A proposed revision to the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance, “Lake Residential District Amendments” was discussed. It was decided to wait until the proposed ordinance revision could be written up. This is expected to be ready for the April meeting.

The proposed revisions to the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance that were heard at a public hearing on Monday, February 19, 2007 are expected to be ready for this board to act on them at the regular May meeting.

A Fire Department report was reviewed. A meeting between the City Council and the Reading Township board will be scheduled to help decide on how the operation of the Fire Department should be set up. A Fire Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 7:00 in the Fire Barn.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Randy Wigent to adopt “poverty exemption guidelines” for the Board of Review. This is a nine-page document entitled “GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS REQUESTING POVERTY EXEMPTIONS”. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to adopt a salary and pay rate schedule for 2006/2007. This showed increases for “Elected Officials Special Meeting Pay”, The Transfer Station Attendant, Board of Review members and Election Inspectors. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Ron Parker supported by Roger Wheeler to purchase a copier as quoted from AOS for \$3,597. 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 February for a total amount of \$12,346.61. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to adopt the following budget amendment to the 2006/2007 budget: decrease the proposed Fire Run revenues by \$1,300 from \$4,000 to \$2,700 and then to increase the proposed interest revenue by \$1,300 from \$500 to \$1,800. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion of a proposed budget for 2007/2008.

Following the discussion of the proposed budget for 2007/2008 there was a motion by James Galloway supported by Randy Wigent to approve two more contracts with the Hillsdale County Road Commission. One is to resurface Hemlock Beach Road and Cedar Drive at a cost to the township of \$37,700 the other is to “seal coat” Abbott Road from Reading Road to Card Road at a cost to the township of \$8,200.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Ron Parker to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Roger Wheeler,  
Reading Township Clerk

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