

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
June 11, 2007, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Judy Wheeler and Randy Wigent present. Also present were Al Wheeler, Mike Parney, Harold Farris, Gary Lovett and Gretchen Oberdick.

The minutes of the May 14, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

There were no comments from any of the guests.

There was a discussion of the roads and road contracts. The Hemlock Beach Road and Cedar Drive project are almost complete. There have been problems with the dust control project.

Road Commissioner, Mike Parney told the board that in 2009 the State Highway Department would be doing a major reconstruction project on M-49 within the City of Reading. They are looking at a detour around the City (perhaps Card Road and Abbott Road) and for the use of these detour routes they usually agree to do some roadwork as compensation for the municipalities involved. The township should try to decide what we might want to ask for as this compensation.

The monthly Fire Department Report was reviewed. The Fire Board meeting that was scheduled for June 14, 2007 will be held instead on July 12, 2007.

The proposed organizational resolutions for a new agreement between the City and the Township were reviewed. Only some minor suggested changes were offered. Some operating bylaws will be worked on next.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris gave his report. There is progress being made on the abatement process for each of the four properties on S. Edon Road that have been in violation. As for the barking dogs and loose dogs around the Hunt Club it was suggested that the neighbors simply call the Sheriff's Department to have these dogs picked up.

There was some discussion of the proposed conditions that were recommended by the Planning Commission at the Conditional Use Hearing that was held at the request of Al Wheeler to operate an "Auto Repair Facility" at 5121 Edon Road. One of the conditions was that the property be cleaned up before the conditional use permit would be issued but because there was no time line set to have this clean up take place it was suggested by Al Wheeler that he would clean this up and then the Township Board could deal with the issue at next month's meeting.

There was some discussion of Bill Sours' desire to build a restaurant in an agricultural district. It may be suggested to Bill Sours to apply to have this property rezoned commercial.

Several proposed zoning amendments are to become action items on next month's agenda.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to pay bills and make payments for the month of June for a total amount of \$30,026.09. This motion carried 5-0. In addition to these bills being paid the Library will be paid it's requested amount for 2007/2008.

There was some discussion of a quotation from Republic Waste Systems for a recycling dumpster and the possibility of operating a recycling operation perhaps as a joint operation between the City and the Township and possibility including the School. There is some interest on the board's part to look further into this.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Randy Wigent to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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