

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board  
October 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, Mike Parney, Gearldine Spieth, Gretchen Oberdick, Harold Farris and Gary Lovett.

The minutes of the September 10, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

County Commissioner, Gearldine Spieth gave an update on building project at the Courthouse, the building project at the Medical Care Facility, then discussed the animal shelter, dogs rabies, rabid bats and rabies vaccinations.

Road Commissioner, Mike Parney gave an update on road projects within the township. He also provided a proposal from MDOT for alternative routing of traffic during the reconstruction in 2009 of M-49 within the city limits of Reading.

There was not a current Fire Report available. There was a discussion of some of the proposals for the organization of the Fire Department and that the Township will be appointing three members of the new board. These may or may not be members of the township board.

It is the understanding of the Board that William Sours will be petitioning the Planning Commission to consider rezoning a parcel of property so that he may continue his effort to establish a restaurant.

The Zoning Administrator presented his monthly activities report to the board. He made the board aware that compliance at three locations was in the hands of the township attorney. There has not yet been any satisfactory resolution where a stop work order had been issued on the construction of a grain bin.

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Lovett told how the planning commission at a meeting held on September 11, 2007 considered a proposed amendment to Section 10.7 of the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance. There was then a public hearing held on October 2, 2007. This has now been sent to the County Planning Commission for their comments. This amendment would make violations of the Zoning Ordinance a Municipal Civil Infraction and set a range of fines for the first and subsequent offenses. One paragraph is being studied for clarification and will probably be rewritten.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments for the month of October for a total amount of \$7,176.89. This motion carried 5-0.

The “Berry Lake Inlet” project needs to have copies of easements forwarded.

A meeting on the “Feasibility Study” for a joint sewer and water project between the Townships of Reading, Cambria and Hillsdale will be held on October 9, 2007 to get costs and find out what all would be included in the study.

There was a motion by Ron Parker supported by Randy Wigent to re-appoint Judy Wheeler to the Library Board. This would be a three-year term beginning in December of 2006 and ending in December of 2009. This motion carried 5-0.

Future items include an update on the feasibility study and the Berry Lake inlet.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Roger Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.