

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board  
February 11, 2008, 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 Linda Hughes, Susanne Alexander, Gretchen Oberdick, Harold Farris, Gary Lovett, Dick Heffelfinger and Kathy Mikolajczyk.

The minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

There were no comments from guests.

There was a discussion of the meeting with the Road Commission in January and a discussion of possible road project for this calendar year. Some concern was brought up over the Road Commission's proposal to only apply one two-inch thick layer of asphalt on Humphrey Road. A quote will be requested to have four inches applied.

After a discussion of the Fire Department there was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to adopt A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE MOTOR VEHICLES, APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND HOUSING, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO CREATE A JOINT FIRE ADMINISTRATION BOARD. A roll call vote to adopt this resolution was: Ron Parker, yes; Judith Wheeler, yes; Roger Wheeler, yes; Randy Wigent, yes and James Galloway, yes. Supervisor Galloway declared this resolution adopted.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay to the newly created Fire Department Equipment fund \$25,000 by the end of March 2008 and to contribute another \$5,000 before the end of September 2008. This money will come from the fund balance designated for major fire equipment. A roll call vote to approve this motion was: Ron Parker, yes; Judith Wheeler, yes; Roger Wheeler, yes; Randy Wigent, yes and James Galloway, yes. Supervisor Galloway declared this resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to appoint James Galloway to a six-year term (ending June 30, 2013) on the newly created Fire Administration Board. This motion carried 4-0 with James Galloway abstaining. A motion was then made by James Galloway supported by Randy Wigent to appoint Roger Wheeler to a four-year term (ending June 30, 2011) on the newly created Fire Administration Board. This motion carried 5-0.

The Zoning Administrator presented his monthly activities report to the board.

The Planning Commission met prior to this meeting to resolve some confusing wording in the proposed "Civil Infraction Ordinance". This proposed rewording was presented to the board. This will re-numbered to be consistent with the proposed revised zoning format.

Trustee Ron Parker left the meeting to respond to a fire call.

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 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to allow residents of the Township to protest their property tax assessments to the March board of Review by letter. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to amend the 2007/2008 General Fund Budget by increasing the proposed Parks & Recreation Expense by \$3,500 from \$500 to \$4,00 and increasing the proposed Drains Expense by \$400 from \$1,500 to \$1,900. Decreasing the proposed Contingencies by \$3,900 from \$15,000 to \$11,100 would offset this. This motion carried 4-0.

There was discussion of a quote for new carpet in the Township Hall. It was decided to get quotes on replacing the interior doors and trim before installing new carpet.

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 \$7,789.13. This motion carried 4-0.

Next month's meeting will include discussion of next year's budget, Possible budget amendments and adoption of a Salary and Pay Rate schedule for next year (there have not been any changes suggested for the Salary and Pay Rate Schedule).

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Randy Wigent to adjourn. This motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.