

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
April 14, 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, Suzanne Alexander, Dean Briner and Harold Farris.

The minutes of the March 10, 2008 Regular meeting were approved as presented.

Dean Briner was present to offer to do the mowing of the Township Hall and South Reading Cemetery for the same cost as last year except with an adjustment for leaf removal in the fall. There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by James Galloway to suspend the rules of order to deal with lawn mowing contracts. There was then a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to accept the proposal from Briner Enterprises to do the lawn care at the Township Hall and the South Reading Cemetery. This motion carried 5-0. There was then a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to agree with Jacob Borton to do the lawn care at the West Reading Cemetery at the same cost as last year. This motion carried 5-0.

There were no further comments or questions from guests.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to amend the 2007/2008 Township Cemetery Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2007/2008 year. This motion carried 5-0.

Then a motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to amend the 2007/2008 Transfer Station Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2007/2008 year. This motion carried 5-0.

A budget hearing was held. Copies of the proposed 2008/2009 general fund budget, transfer station budget and the township cemetery fund budget were provided to everyone in attendance. The opportunity to provide comments and/or make suggestions on any of the budgets was offered. This opportunity was extended to include the entire meeting time. There were not any comments or suggestions on any of the budgets.

There was an explanation of the proposed general fund budget for 2008/2009 and a number of the items that have been allowed for in that budget. These were a contract with Domestic Harmony, the Fire Department's budget request, allowance for contracts with the Road Commission, along with planning and zoning expenses and enforcement.

Other items allowed for were to provide for some more repairs and upgrades to the township hall building such roof replacement and improvements to the parking lot and driveway.

There were still no comments or other suggestions concerning the proposed budget and the budget hearing was then considered closed.

A motion to adopt the 2008/2009 General Fund Budget as presented was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by James Galloway. This showed proposed receipts of \$191,250 and proposed expenditures of \$351,800. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to adopt the 2008/2009 Township Cemetery Fund Budget as presented. This has proposed receipts and proposed expenditures of \$14,000. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt the 2008/2009 Transfer Station Fund Budget as presented was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent. This has proposed receipts and proposed expenditures of \$25,000. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion to establish the Township Tax Levy for 2008 at the same one mill however reduced as required under MCL 211.34d was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to collect the one-percent administrative fee on the 2008 taxes to help offset the costs of tax administration and collection. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to not impose a late penalty charge on 2008 winter taxes that are paid before the end of February 2009. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion of a proposed contract with Domestic Harmony for \$250 for the 2008/2009 year. There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Judy Wheeler to approve this contract for \$250. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by James Galloway and then supported by Randy Wigent to sign a contract with the Road Commission for \$7,500 to have gravel patching done throughout the township. This motion carried 5-0.

A public hearing was then held to hear comments and suggestions concerning a proposed "Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance". Copies of the proposed ordinance were provided for everyone present at this meeting. There were no comments from anyone. After a discussion and explanation of the proposed ordinance there were still no comments or suggestions. After that the hearing was then considered closed.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to adopt the reformatted version of the Zoning Ordinance of Reading Township as proposed. A roll call vote was as follows: Ron Parker, yes; Judy Wheeler, yes; Randy Wigent, yes; Roger Wheeler, yes and James Galloway, yes. Supervisor Galloway declared the ordinance (Ordinance No.2008-01) adopted.

A motion was then made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to adopt a Township Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance as proposed. A roll call vote was as follows: Ron Parker, yes; Judy Wheeler, yes; Randy Wigent, yes; Roger Wheeler, yes and James Galloway, yes. Supervisor Galloway declared the ordinance (Ordinance No.2008-02) adopted.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by James Galloway to adopt an ordinance to amend section 17.03 (duties of the Zoning Inspector) of the Zoning Ordinance of Reading Township as proposed. A roll call vote was as follows: Ron Parker, yes; Judy Wheeler, yes; Randy Wigent, yes; Roger Wheeler, yes and James Galloway, yes. Supervisor Galloway declared the ordinance (Ordinance No.2008-03) adopted.

A motion then was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to adopt an ordinance to amend section 17.07 of the Zoning Ordinance of Reading Township as proposed. A roll call vote was as follows: Ron Parker, yes; Judy Wheeler, yes; Randy Wigent, yes; Roger Wheeler, yes and James Galloway, yes. Supervisor Galloway declared the ordinance (Ordinance No.2008-04) adopted.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by James Galloway to authorize the Supervisor and the Clerk to sign the digitized zoning map so that it would become the Official Zoning Map of Reading Township. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion of the Fire Department reports and it was noted that the Fire Board Meeting, would be on Wednesday, April 16.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to have the Township of Reading join with the City of Reading and authorize the 5% match of \$4,175 for SCBA's and the \$5,296.70 for the Cascade Air System to be purchased from the Fire Department Equipment Fund. A roll call vote was as follows: Ron Parker, yes; Judy Wheeler, yes; Randy Wigent, yes; Roger Wheeler, yes and James Galloway, yes. Supervisor Galloway declared the motion adopted.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris provided his monthly report.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Ron Parker to set the Mileage Reimbursement Rate at 50.5¢ per mile effective May 1, 2008. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to set the cost of purchasing a copy of the Zoning Ordinance of Reading Township at \$25 effective May 1, 2008. 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 April for a total amount of \$9,546.14. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to hire Bailey and Hodshire to conduct an audit of the 2007/2008 financial year. This motion carried 5-0.

Petitions (and Affidavits of Identity) to be on the August Primary Ballot for any of the Township's Elected positions must be filed with the Township Clerk by 4:00 on Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Monday, April 21, 2008 at 6:00 PM – County hearing on their proposed Animal Control Ordinance

There was a discussion of a tire cleanup and it was decided to have a tire dumpster set up at the Transfer station.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Roger Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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