

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board  
July 14, 2008, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Randy Wigent and Judy Wheeler present. Also present were Jan Bellamy, Gearldine Spieth, Kim Bronson, Wendy Crawford, Beverly Messenger, Roger Messenger, Dorothy Risk, Hank Risk, Mike Hostetter, Larry Grow, Sandy Rockwood, Norma Jean Wiley, Charles Wiley, Doug Hicks, Jerry VanZandt, Judy VanZandt, Patty Siegrist, Glenn Frobel, Margaret Frobel, Tom Evans, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Janice Garczynski, Mike Parney, Harold Farris, Bob Ball, Graig Hughes, Linda Hughes, Jackie Epker, Suzanne Alexander and Erica Hobbs.

The minutes of the June 9, 2008 Regular meeting were approved as presented.

County Commissioner, Gearldine Spieth, spoke on her accomplishments during her two-year term as commissioner and asked for support in her effort to be re-elected.

Pam Bellamy, also a candidate for County Commissioner spoke on her qualifications and described her background and how that has prepared her for the position.

The meeting was then turned over to Hillsdale Township Trustee, Tom Evens who has been working on the Sewer & Water Project. He provided an update to the people present and stressed that the study was not complete. He expects the project to have a preliminary report ready in the next several weeks. He then tried to answer questions from people attending this meeting again admitting that he did not have a lot of the answers since the project was not complete. Most of the comments and questions from guests were concerning that project and most were concerned with costs and who would be affected. Following the discussion on the Sewer and Water Project a short break was taken.

When the meeting resumed, Wendy Crawford spoke to the board on the Senior Services Center and described how services have increased and how the number of people served by the Center has increased. Bob Ball, who is a board member for the Senior Services Center, also spoke of the benefits that the Center provides.

The Hillsdale County Road Commission had three new proposals for the Township Board to consider. One was for work at the intersection of Hakes Road and Rood Road and would cost the Township \$20,625. Another project would be a ditching project on Wildwood Road from the top of Smith's hill northbound to the bottom of the slope. The cost of that to the township would be \$10,500. A third and smaller project would be to replace Randy Bowman's culvert to improve drainage. This would cost the Township approximately \$1,500. These proposed projects will be discussed at the August meeting.

There were not any updates from the Fire Department.

The Zoning Administrator handed out his monthly report and pointed out that he has a request for a conditional use permit. A hearing will be scheduled for that. He has also sent out a number of letters to people that are considered to be in violation of the zoning ordinance.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments of \$36,898.06 for the month of July. This motion carried 5-0.

In August the terms of Planning Commission members Richard Heffelfinger and Kathy Mikolajczyk expire and the term of Board of Appeals member Kathy Mikolajczyk expires.

In other business, there was a short discussion of the roadways possibly not being located according to the descriptions in the Hy Da Wa Beach sub-division.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Ron Parker to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Roger Wheeler,  
Reading Township Clerk

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