

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
August 11, 2008, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Randy Wigent and Judy Wheeler present. Also present were Stephanie Fox, Jim Newell, Cheryl Murphy, Jerry Murphy, Ron Richards, Doug Hicks, Jerry Webb, Charles Alspaugh, Arling Lane, Beverly Messenger, Roger Messenger, Dorothy Risk, Hank Risk, Jim Holdgreve, Kathy Flaughner, John Owens, Larry Grow, Sandy Rockwood, Norma Jean Wiley, Rick Hendricks, Kate Hendricks, Max Balcom, Kathy Kaminski, Tony Kaminski, Ed Widanka, Barbara Widanka, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Janice Garczynski, Harold Farris, Graig Hughes, Linda Hughes, Jackie Epker, and Amy Bell.

The minutes of the July 14, 2008 Regular meeting were approved as presented and then the minutes of the July 14, 2008 Election Commission Meeting were approved as presented.

Because quite a few of the people present had questions, concerns and comments concerning the “Sewer Feasibility Study” and because there were not any comments other than on that, Supervisor Galloway proceeded to describe the process of the study and then answered a number of questions and listened to a number of comments about the study. Following this at 7:40 PM a short break was taken.

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. After some discussion of these a motion was made by Ron Parker and supported by Judy Wheeler to not give any further consideration to any of these three proposed projects. This motion carried 5-0.

In other road matters, it was noted that Michigan Mineral Resources has billed the Township an additional \$1,050 for dust control and Randy Wigent requested that some consideration be given to a guardrail on Card Road just west of Fowler Road.

A Fire Board meeting was held on August 5, 2008. One of the items from that meeting was that the Fire Department has order 5 replacement pagers.

The Zoning Administrator handed out his monthly report and pointed out that “meth” houses are not the responsibility of the Township. A hearing to hear the request for a conditional use permit has been scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Randy Wigent to re-appoint Kathy Mikolajczyk to the Planning Commission with the term to expire in August of 2011. This motion carried 5-0. There was a motion by Judy Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to re-appoint Richard Heffelfinger to the Planning Commission with the term to expire in August of 2011. That motion carried 5-0. There was then a motion by Judy Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to re-appoint Kathy Mikolajczyk to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term expiring in August of 2011. This motion carried 5-0.

The Tire Cleanup Project was discussed and the Dumpster for tires is full. It was decided to have Ed Teller call for a new dumpster.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments of \$7,608.11 for the month of August. This motion carried 5-0.

Property that is up for tax sale is available to the Township. Property tax I.D. number 30-10-022-200-013-22-7-4, 5100 S. Edon Rd can be purchased by the township for \$1,575.83. After a discussion of using this site as a Recycling Center and Transfer Station a motion was made by James Galloway and supported by Roger Wheeler to suspend the rules of order so that a motion could then be considered to purchase this property. The motion to suspend the rules of order passed 5-0. A motion was then made by Judy Wheeler and supported by Ron Parker to purchase the property at 5100 S. Edon Road (Property tax I.D. number 30-10-022-200-013-22-7-4) for \$1,575.83 plus a \$20 fee. This motion carried 5-0.

In September the Township Board will consider a special use permit request if the Planning Commission has completed their hearing process.

In other business, there have been three quotes received to pave the Township Hall parking lot.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Judy Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:054PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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