

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
September 8, 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 Jeanne Colbart, Stephanie Fox, Jim Newell, Cheryl Murphy, Jerry Murphy, Ron Richards, Pat Richards, Beverly Messenger, Roger Messenger, Dorothy Risk, Hank Risk, Kathy Flaughner, John Owens, Frank Oliver, Max Smith, Marie Mullikin, Richard Herman, Buddy Hagaman, Gretchen Oberdick, Joyce Welch, Vern Welch, Diane Langan, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Dennis Romanoski, Joyce Romanoski, Fred Sawyer, Rick Gripman, Mary Hampton, Brenda Bell, James Reese, Donald Scharer, Morris Lewis, Janet Lewis, Douglas Small, Linda Small, Ronald Hardesty, Graig Hughes, Moran Tanner, Al Loeffler, Kim Ewing, Gary Lovett, Robert Rohn, Henrietta Rohn, Kirk Rohn, Denice Rohn, Monica Odneal, Bill Odneal, Bob Steele, Caroline Jackson, Mike Hostetter, Larry Grow, Janice Garczynski, Fred Modlin, Jim Tonnies, Gary Reppert, Sandy Rockwood, Norma Jean Wiley, Charles Wiley, Glenn Frobel, Margaret Frobel, Curtis Turner, Harold Farris, Trena Moss, Bill Moss, Cyrus Cooper, Jean Anne Kennedy-Windsor, Barbara Kern, Terry Houchins, Nancy Priabe, Edward Priabe, Thelma Booth and Amy Bell.

The minutes of the August 7, 2008 special meeting were approved as presented and then the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Supervisor Galloway brought everyone present up to date on the “Sewer Feasibility Study”. He explained that the study is now complete and that two meetings would now be held to explain the study and to answer questions about the study. These meetings will be held on Wednesday September 17, 2008 at 6:30 PM at Camp Michindoh and on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 1:00 PM at Kimball Camp. He stressed the point that the “Sewer Feasibility Study” was indeed just a study to determine the feasibility of a sewer system and nothing more than just that and that at no time has the Reading Township Board said that this is a project. He said that it is not the board’s intention to proceed with a sewer project unless the board receives a petition from over 50% of the affected property owners. He stated that the township is trying to be proactive to any problems and that at no time was it the intention of the Reading Township Board to start a project without the support of the affected residents. He then answered several questions as part of the comments from guests.

Then there were several comments from guests that did not pertain to the sewer study. Jim Reese questioned and showed concern over the type of application of dust control. Doug and Linda Small questioned why the Road Commission or the Township could not help in any way with the road maintenance on Sunset Drive, which is a private road. There was then a five-minute break.

Jean Anne Kennedy-Windsor, a candidate for the 58th district representative in the Michigan State legislature then spoke on her background and qualifications.

The Planning Commission met on August 18, 2008 and recommended several conditions for a Special use permit request by Robert and Henrietta Rohn. The request was to operate a family campground in an agricultural district. After a short discussion a motion was made by Ron Parker, supported by Judy Wheeler to approve a special use request as recommended by the Planning Commission. The three conditions are: That the ownership remain in the family of the present owners, It is to meet the health department codes and that the campground will remain a family enterprise and not become a commercial enterprise. The motion to permit this special use carried 5-0.

The Zoning Administrator handed out his monthly report and mentioned that the court wants to have driver’s license number of the alleged violator on the ticket and he may have difficulty in getting that at times.

A Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2008.

After a discussion of the three bids on paving the Township Hall Parking Lot that were received at the last meeting, there was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Ron Parker to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with either of the two low bidders. These were Belson Asphalt and Osseo Asphalt. This would be so that the project could be completed this season. This motion carried 4-1 with Randy Wigent voting against this.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments of \$7,350.35 for the month of September. This motion carried 5-0.

For a new Transfer Station Site for the Township, Property has been purchased. This is property tax I.D number 30-10-022-200-013-22-7-4, 5100 S. Edon Rd. Jeanne Colbart, a neighbor on one side of the site was present and questioned the location of the lot line. There was a motion by Ron Parker, supported by James Galloway to have a survey conducted on the site. This motion carried 5-0. Ron Parker will take care of having this done.

An Election Commission meeting will be held after the regular Township Board meeting on October 13, 2008.

With no other business, there was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by James Galloway to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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