

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
February 9, 2009, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James E. Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Kimberly Blythe and Randy Wigent present. Also present were Kathy Mikolajczyk, Kathy Flaughter, Gary Lovett, Jack Randall, Dean Briner, Harold Farris and Susie Alexander. Mr. & Mrs Wiley Nichols arrived at 7:30 PM.

The minutes of the January 12, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented and then the minutes of the January 28, 2009 special meeting were approved as presented.

Jack Randall spoke in support of the 911 surcharge vote and offered to answer questions.

Dean Briner offered to mow the South Reading Cemetery and the Township Hall lawn at the same price as he had done that for last year. There was a motion by Ron Parker supported by Kimberly Blythe to enter into a contract with Briner Enterprises to have that mowing done in 2009 at the same rates as last year. This motion carried 5-0 and a contract was then signed.

The annual meeting with the Hillsdale County Road Commission was held on Thursday, January 29, 2009. Contracts provided to the board at that meeting will be brought up at the March meeting.

There was an update of the grant for a new tanker for the Fire department.

The Zoning Administrator discussed his monthly report and activities

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Lovett gave an update on the Planning Commission's proposed activities and to-do list. He provided a letter from Tim Johnson of MainStreet Planning to rewrite section of the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance to bring the ordinance up to date. A motion was then made by James Galloway and supported by Kimberly Blythe to accept that proposal at a cost of \$950. That motion carried 5-0.

Bids for removing the house on the newly acquired transfer station site were reviewed. There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by James Galloway to accept the bid from JD Construction for \$2,875. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments of \$3,382.51 for the month of February. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Kimberly Blythe to re-appoint Gretchen Lovett to the Library Board with the term to run through December of 2011. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by James Galloway to appoint Kimberly Blythe to the Library Board to fill the remainder of Judy Wheeler's term through December of 2009. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Kimberly Blythe to adopt a resolution in support of the vote for the 911 surcharge. This motion carried 5-0.

It was agreed that Reading Township will switch Ransom Township so that Reading Township will host the March 3, 2009 meeting of the Hillsdale County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association and will use Ransom's program by the Hillsdale Daily News. Reading Township will then have to provide a program for Ransom to use at their April meeting.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to adopt the poverty guidelines for the Board of Review to use that would be the same as the guidelines used in 2008. This motion carried 5-0.

The Township will purchase whiteboard on easels for the Township Hall.

The board was in agreement that the Supervisor would submit stimulus grant applications for building a recycling center (\$250,000), a wildfire truck for the Fire Department (\$50,000), sewers for the northern Lakes (\$40,000,000) and then for the lower lakes (\$15,000,000), extend the City sewer through the commercial district of the Township (\$2,000,000) and a "Gator" type fire truck (\$15,000).

With no other business, there was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Kimberly Blyth to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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