

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
April 13, 2009, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Randy Wigent and Kimberly Blythe present. Also present were Suzanne Alexander, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Gretchen Oberdick, Gary Lovett, Jim Holdgreve, Cindy Young and Harold Farris.

The minutes of the March 9, 2009 Regular meeting were approved as presented.

There were no comments from guests.

Cindy Young, representing the Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce presented a brief summary of the Chamber's accomplishments and showed the new Visitor's guide.

It was noted with appreciation the Resolution that the Road Commission adopted to prohibit through truck traffic on several township local roads that might be otherwise used as detours while the reconstruction is being done within the City of Reading.

A discussion of possible road contracts for the coming season was held. Supervisor Galloway said that he was getting a quote from a private contractor to do some of the proposed work on Hakes Road. After the discussion of possible contracts a motion was made by Ron Parker and supported by Randy Wigent to approve a contract to have Michigan Mineral Resources do the Township's gravel road stabilization in 2009. This would be for \$15,300 with the Road Commission reimbursing the Township an amount of \$3,400. This would be one application of 23% mineral well brine @ 3,000 gallons per mile over 34 miles of township roads. This motion carried 5-0.

A motion was then made by Ron Parker and supported by James Galloway to approve two contracts with the Road Commission for seal coating. One for two miles of Lilac Road at a cost to the Township of \$24,000 and one for two miles of Quackenbush Road at a cost to the Township of \$24,000. This motion carried 4-1 with Roger Wheeler voting against this.

There was an update on the new tanker purchase for the Fire Department. The Firemen's association has offered to raise money to pay for additional equipment for the truck. They would like an additional \$17,000 in equipment. There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to have both the City and the Township pay \$8,500 towards this addition equipment and then the Firemen's Association would repay the City and the Township each \$1,500 each year until the \$8,500 is repaid with the understanding that the additions would in no way change the classification of the Tanker Truck. This motion carried 5-0.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris provided his monthly report.

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Lovett provided an update on the Planning Commission activities and provided drafts of an ordinance to revise section 15.14 and two sections of section 17 of the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance. Also provided were updated proposed ordinances covering Nuisance Abatement, Junk or Dismantled Vehicles and Blight Elimination. Gary asked for comments and suggestions on these proposed revisions and additions from the Board.

A motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Randy Wigent to amend the 2008/2009 Township Cemetery Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2008/2009 year. This motion carried 5-0.

Then a motion was made by Roger Wheeler and supported by Kym Blythe to amend the 2008/2009 Transfer Station Fund Budget so that each of the estimated items would be the same as the actual amounts for the 2008/2009 year. 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 \$4,829.55. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Kym Blythe to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.