

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
October 11, 2010, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Kimberly Blythe, Ron Parker and Randy Wigent present. Also present were William Bishop, Leslie Tonnies, Jim Tonnies, Gary Lovett, Bob Duncan, Lou Burke, Vern Welch, Joyce Welch, Harold Farris, Gretchen Oberdick, Al Oberdick, Richard Mockensturm, Dick Heffelfinger, Linda Small and Susie Alexander.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The minutes of the September 13, 2010 Regular meeting were approved as presented.

Comments from Guests: Gary Lovett asked about copies of a new proposed ordinance which would regulate wind generating equipment as a conditional use. Copies will be provided to the Planning Commission members.

Information from the Hillsdale County Road Commission on proposed revisions to the Road Commission's current transportation improvements plan for 2011 was handed out to the Board.

A Fire Board meeting was held on October 6, 2010, the process of getting bids to re-roof the Fire Barn is under way.

A hearing before the Township Board was held at the request of William Bishop. A copy of his comments to the Board is attached.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris provided a monthly report.

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Lovett has scheduled a Special Planning Commission meeting for October 18, 2010 at 6:30 in the township Hall to work on the development of a check-off process for the possible installation of wind generating equipment as a special use. He also said he will be sending a letter to the Township Board addressing legal issues and concerns. There was a motion by Parker, supported by Wheeler to table discussion of the Zoning Ordinances, which will revise the existing Zoning Ordinance to allow Wind Generating Equipment as a special use. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Wheeler supported by Wigent to pay bills and make payments for the month of October for a total amount of \$17,840.74. The motion carried 5-0.

Items to Consider for Next Months Meeting (November 8, 2010) include discussion and possible adoption of proposed Ordinances to change the Zoning Ordinance of Reading Township to allow Wind Generating Equipment as a special use and the vacancy on the Board of Review. Rod Bassage and Jenny Kast have indicated they are interested in being a Board of Review member.

Other future business includes appointing or re-appointing all three BOR terms, which will expire at the end of this calendar year. An alternate Board of Review member may be considered. Also Gretchen Lovett's term on the Library Board expires at the end of this calendar year. (She has agreed to serve another three year term)

Greg Bailey of Bailey & Hodshire was still not present to present the Township audit for 2009/2010 so Supervisor Galloway called for a recess at 7:30 PM. (During the recess an Election Commission meeting was conducted)

At 7:55 PM the Regular meeting was called back to order with all board members present and Greg Bailey present at 8:03 PM.

There was a motion by Galloway, supported by Blythe to agree to pay Jack's Tree Service \$2,600 to have 6 maple trees and one fir tree removed at the West Reading Cemetery. This motion carried 5-0.

Greg Bailey of Bailey & Hodshire presented the Township audit for 2009/2010.

There was a motion by Blythe supported by Parker to add to the bills to be paid, the \$2,000 invoice from Bailey & Hodshire for the Township audit for 2009/2010. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Wheeler supported by Blythe to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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