

Reading Township - Hillsdale County - Michigan

A summary of the 2005/2006 year

(The Township Year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31)

This past year a little more than \$50,000 of Reading Township's General Fund Budget was spent on Roads.

The following road projects were completed this past year:

Gravel Road Stabilization (Dust Control), using Oil Field Brine (Two times) to all gravel roads within the township.

Providing and spreading 1,000 cubic yards of processed gravel to various gravel roads.

Abbott Road (From Crawford Road to Reading Road), crack seal and seal coat.

Paver patching and seal coating Card Road.

Replacement of a Culvert on Quackenbush Rd. between M-49 and Abbott Rd.

The Township Planning Commission was again very busy this past year. Following the development of a Township Resources Inventory the previous year and many meetings this past year the development of a township master plan was completed and the Township Board adopted the plan.

There were 49 Zoning Permits issued during the past year while there had been eight Board of Appeal Hearings and two Hearings where a Special Use Permit had been requested. One hearing was held where a rezoning request had been made. The value of all of the real property in Reading Township increased from \$169,354,240 to \$175,030,280.

At the Township Hall, the office room and the conference room were switched and a doorway from the (new) office to the storage closet was made so that there is now access from the office to the storage room. The Office, conference room and meeting hall have been repainted. A central air conditioning system has been installed.

Some changes in personnel occurred during the past year. Benjamin Wheeler was appointed to the Township Assessor position. He then resigned his place on the Planning Commission and Kathy Mikolajczyk was appointed to fill that seat. Kathy is also on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Expectations for the 2006/2007 year

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The Township's cost of road projects for the year is expected to be a total \$60,000. The township spending is only a portion (usually 50%) of what is actually spent on these projects as the Hillsdale County Road Commission normally contributes the remainder of the money for these projects.

The following road projects are being planned for this summer:

Gravel Road Stabilization (Dust Control), using Oil Field Brine (Two times) to all gravel roads within the township.

Providing and spreading 1,000 cubic yards of processed gravel to various gravel roads.

Abbott Road (From Crawford Road to Reading Road), crack seal and seal coat.

Humphrey Road (From Blair Road to Long Lake Road). Berm & trench shoulders, add gravel to strengthen base, pulverize existing pavement, shape and compact pulverized area. Road commission will maintain as pulverized surface with township paying for brine applications until repaved in future.

Hemlock Road Bridge - Repair bridge and install 6" thick reinforced concrete spillway attached to abutments, wing walls and dam.

A big project of the Township Planning Commission for this coming year, now that we have a Master Plan in place, is to review the zoning ordinance for possibly revisions along with possibly the development of other ordinances. This will be done to make our zoning ordinance more in line with our master plan.

The election process will change. The lever type mechanical voting machines will no longer be used. These have been replaced with an optical scan type of voting system that will be uniform throughout the county. While there have been several "School" elections held for the first time in the Township Hall with the new Optical Scan type of voting there will be two "Township conducted elections" scheduled for this year. These will be the August primary election and then the general election in November.

The Township Hall Building improvement will continue with the replacement of interior doors and replacement of a majority of the carpeting.