

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
March 14, 2005, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Judy Wheeler, Randy Wigent and Ron Parker present. Also present were Harold Farris, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Bret Hutchins, Gary Lovett, Bruce Caswell, Dean Briner, Jeff Giffey, Dustin Wheeler, Judy VanZandt, Jerry VanZandt, Patty Siegrist and Bob Godfrey.

The minutes of the February 14, 2005 regular meeting were approved as presented.

State Representative, Bruce Caswell, explained several issues that are before the State House of Representatives.

Road Commissioner, Bob Godfrey, was present to help in a discussion of possible road contracts between the township and the road commission. There was a discussion of a number of proposed contracts.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Ron Parker to sign two contracts with the Road Commission, one was for adding gravel to various gravel roads for \$7,600 (Township cost) and the second was for gravel road stabilization (dust control) for \$13,316.25 (Township share). This motion carried 5-0.

There was a contract presented for paving the roads within Totem Village. This is something that would be done as a special assessment project by the property owners of Totem Village. It was decided that a meeting involving the residents of Totem Village, the Township Board and Stan Clingerman of the Road Commission would be scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday, June 6, 2005 at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Galloway will ask for a proposed contract to have the pavement on Humphrey Road removed and the road prepared for repaving at a future time.

Gary Lovett reminded everyone that a final presentation by Tony Groves of Progressive AE of the Natural Resources Inventory and Land Use Policy Evaluation would be made at 7:00 PM Wednesday evening, March 16, 2005. Also, as part of developing a master plan, there will be a Friday evening and Saturday morning session to obtain community input on land use issues and to develop a community vision. These will be in April on the 15th Friday from 6 to 9 PM and the 16th Saturday morning from 9 to noon.

There was a motion by Judy Wheeler, supported by James Galloway to participate in the M-49 Corridor Housing Study being proposed by the Community Action agency. Further involvement beyond this would be only after a suitable cost is obtained. This motion carried 4-0 with Randy Wigent abstaining from this vote.

There was a report and update on the zoning enforcement issues before the township.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to increase the proposed Fire Department Expense by \$3,000 from \$121,000 to \$124,000 and offset this by decreasing the proposed Election Expense from \$7,000 to \$4,000 and then to designate \$2,250 of Fund Balance for Fire Department Safety Equipment purchases. This motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion of a tentative budget for the 2005/2006 year.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments for a total amount of \$27,917.61. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Judy Wheeler supported by James Galloway 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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