

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board  
September 11, 2006, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, and Judy Wheeler present. Randy Wigent absent. Also present were Dick Mockensturm, Shirley Miles, Gretchen Oberdick, Dorothy Risk, Beverly Messenger, Roger Messenger, William Sours, Jim Boswell, Bob Godfrey, Dick Heffelfinger, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Gary Lovett, Harold Farris and Gretchen Lovett at 7:37 PM.

The minutes of the August 14, 2006 Regular meeting were approved as presented and the minutes of the August 14, 2006 Public Hearing were approved as presented.

Beverly Messenger asked about the Street Light situation at Totem Village.

Dorothy Risk asked if a movable shed would require a building permit. One is not required for a movable (or non-permanent structure).

Road Commissioner, Bob Godfrey discussed the Humphrey Road project and wanted to know if the Township was prepared to pave Humphrey Road next season. The Township did not commit to doing the paving next year. There was concern over the soil compaction and whether an additional winter would improve the compaction and make it worth waiting for the paving.

Bob Godfrey introduced Jim Boswell who is a candidate for Road Commissioner. Jim Boswell then told of his background and work experience.

William Sours explained that there was one “Tavern License” available within Reading Township and approached the board requesting the board’s support in his effort to obtain this license. Mr. Sours provided the board with his resume. James Galloway offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Reading Township Board approve of William Sours and is in support of his effort to obtain a “Tavern License” within the Township of Reading. Ron Parker seconded this resolution. The vote on the resolution was as follows: Roger Wheeler, aye; Judy Wheeler, aye; Ron Parker, aye and James Galloway, aye. There were not any “no” votes and with Randy Wigent absent, the resolution was declared adopted by a 4-0 vote.

The monthly Fire Department’s reports for August were reviewed.

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Lovett presented to the Township Board several proposed revisions and additions to the Township zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission had held a public hearing on the proposed changes and additions. This hearing was held on July 15, 2006. The Planning Commission then met on August 30, 2006 and reviewed the comments and suggestions that were heard at that public hearing. The changes and additions to the ordinance presented to the board here are now the result of the developed changes and additions by the Planning Commission as refined to include the comments and suggestions from the public hearing. The Township Board will review these changes and additions and be prepared for additional discussion and/or possible action at the October 9, 2006 regular meeting.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris gave his monthly report.

Township Attorney, Kevin Shirk, provided a letter indicating that the Township had no authority to abandon walkways or roadways in plats that were dedicated to the property owners within the plat.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by James Galloway to pay bill and make payments for the month of September for a total amount of \$20,594.28. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to adopt the following:

Rule of Order for agenda items

To be considered an action item on an agenda, an item must have been on the previous month’s agenda as a discussion item.

The exceptions to this are the approval of minutes and the approval of bills to be paid and any other “consent agenda” types of items.

This rule of order can be suspended for any individual item by a 2/3 vote of the full township board.

This motion to adopt this “Rule of Order for agenda items” was approved 4-0.

There was again a discussion of the need for an answering machine or something to direct calls to the appropriate people within the township. A proposed plan through “Verison” was presented. Additional plans will be sought.

Township Hall cleaning was discussed and it is being considered to have a monthly cleaning service. Pearl Iveson has suggested that if done on a regular basis that real extensive cleaning sessions would be avoided.

There was a motion by Judy Wheeler supported by James Galloway to adjourn. This motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.