

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
January 14, 2008, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Randy Wigent and Judy Wheeler present. Also present were Linda Hughes, Susanne Alexander, Gretchen Oberdick, Harold Farris, Scott Wiley, Kenneth Kurtz, Gary Lovett, Cheryl Murphy and Jerry Murphy.

The minutes of the December 10, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved as presented and the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Election Commission meeting were approved as presented.

Kenneth Kurtz, who is a candidate for the 58th District State House of Representatives was present to introduce himself, explain his qualifications and offered to answer questions.

Several people (Linda Hughes, Cheryl Murphy, Jerry Murphy and Susanne Alexander) were at the meeting to ask questions about the Feasibility Studies on a Joint Sewer Project and a Joint Water Project between the townships of Hillsdale, Cambria and Reading. There were a number of questions and concerns brought up. Supervisor Galloway tried to stress the point that this is just a feasibility study at this point and is important in providing information on the condition of our lakes as well as determining any possible needs and future direction.

The board will meet for the annual meeting with the road commission at 5:00 PM on Tuesday January 22, 2008. This will be at the Road Commission Office. It was brought up that many of the local gravel roads had washed out during the recent heavy rains that led to many areas of flooding.

There was part of a Fire Report (The part that requests money). The reorganization of the Fire Department is being planned for March 1st 2008. The Township will hopefully be ready to adopt a resolution to create this new department at the February meeting. The Township will also be appointing only two members to the new Fire Board at the same time that the reorganization is adopted. Supervisor Galloway reported that the rear tires on the Tanker need to be replaced.

The Zoning Administrator presented his monthly activities report along with a year-end summary of permits issued to the board.

The Planning Commission will be meeting before our next meeting to try to resolve some confusing wording in the proposed “Civil Infracton Ordinance”.

There were not any updates on the reformatting of the Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Lovett, will plan on responding at our next meeting to the concerns that have been proposed by Kevin Shirk on the various amendments that have been made to the Zoning Ordinance over the past year.

Other possible changes to the zoning ordinance such as making it consistent with the right to farm act will be handled as a lower priority.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to make the appointment of Jon Burrell expire in August of 2010 and the appointment of Gretchen Oberdick expire in August of 2009 as alternate members for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried 5-0. (These two appointments were made at the previous meeting but the term lengths were not included)

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments for the month of December for a total amount of \$5,484.74 and also to pay the Election Inspectors for the Presidential Primary Election and to make the Fire Truck payment. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to hold a budget hearing for the 2008/2009-year as part of the regular April 14, 2008 meeting. This motion carried 5-0.

A policy for poverty exemptions to be used by the Board of Review will be developed and ready to adopt at the February meeting of the Township Board.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by James Galloway to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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