

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
May 12, 2008, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Randy Wigent and Judy Wheeler present. Also present were Linda Hughes, Suzanne Alexander, Sandy Denn, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Jim Holdgreve, Bonnie Lewis, Gretchen Oberdick, Gary Lovett, Ben Wheeler and Harold Farris.

The minutes of the April 14, 2008 Regular meeting were approved as presented.

There were not any comments from guests.

Reading Township Assessor, Ben Wheeler, handed out and then explained a 2008 Assessing Report.

The board discussed the complaints that two households at Totem Village had with the street light assessments. The board is not clear on just what the concerns are. It was decided to have Assessor, Ben Wheeler send a letter to these people and ask that if they still have a problem with the street lights or the assessment of the costs that they circulate a clearly worded petition and then bring this to the board. This way the Board would then have a clear understanding of just what their complaints are and would then also have an idea of how many people are supportive of those concerns.

It was also brought up that the City may be planning to install a streetlight at the sewer lagoon site and that Consumers Power in order to do that may need a resolution from the Township.

The Road Commission has approved all of the contracts that have been signed by the Township. The Road Commission's 2007 Annual Financial Report is available to anyone who would like to see it.

There was some discussion of the proposed detour that the State Highway Department has chosen when working on M-49 within the City. While the chosen detour is completely within the City there is concern that truck traffic will chose to detour through the township on local roads and that the Township may want to restrict through truck traffic on the local township roads. There is the same concern that when the County rebuilds Reading Road, that traffic will chose to use Lilac Road and or Card Road and the Township is then left with the maintenance of these roads.

There was not a fire department report this month. There will be a Fire Board meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Township Hall.

The Zoning Inspector provided his monthly activities report. He also provided for the board a proposed letter to send out to violators of the zoning ordinance. It was decided to have Attorney Kevin Shirk help draft this letter.

All of the ordinances that were adopted by the board at the April meeting have been published and are now in effect. Updates for the newly formatted zoning ordinance booklets were handed out.

Some details are still being worked out for the tire cleanup project but it was decided to charge \$2 for passenger car tires, \$5 for truck tires and \$25 for tractor tires. Also, one dumpster will be used for roadside cleanup.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments for the month of April for a total amount of \$7,291.01. This motion carried 5-0.

The Township Supervisor and Clerk were authorized to sign form L4029 (2008 Tax Rate request).

Supervisor Galloway will contact several paving companies for information on what should be done to prepare the Township Hall parking lot for paving.

There are three dead maple trees and two pines at West Reading Cemetery. Supervisor Galloway was authorized to spend up to \$1,500 to have these removed. He will also ask for bids on the cemeteries John Deere Mower and a trailer. A copy of the Cities Cemetery rules and regulations will be posted at the Township's cemeteries.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler, supported by Randy Wigent to increase the pay for mowing West Reading Cemetery by \$25 from \$195 to \$220 and to increase the pay for mowing the Township Hall by \$5 and to increase the pay for mowing the Gleason Cemetery by \$15. This motion carried 5-0.

Roger wheeler will contact someone to have the phone system repaired at the Hall.

Petitions (and Affidavits of Identity) to be on the August Primary Ballot for any of the Township's Elected positions must be filed with the Township Clerk by 4:00 on Tuesday, May 13, 2008

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Roger Wheeler 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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