

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by Evans at 7:45 p.m.

Board members present: Evans, Alberda, Modreske, Morris

Board members absent: Wamhoff with prior notification.

Motion by Morris supported by Modreske to approve the agenda with changes to item “B” under New Business. Motion was made to add “Library Landscaping” to item B in new business. All Ayes.

Motion by Modreske, supported by Morris to approve the minutes of the regular February 10, 2020 regular meeting with the clerical correction to fix the last name of Blaauw in the minutes. All Ayes.

Motion by Modreske, supported by Morris to approve the February 18, 2020 special meeting minutes as presented. All ayes.

Motion by Modreske supported by Morris to approve the financial report. All Ayes.

Motion by Alberda, supported by Modreske to pay bills in the amount of \$6,968.52. All Ayes.

Correspondence- Clerk Alberda gave information to the board on correspondence.

Public Comment- The board held public comment at 7:53 pm. The board heard public comment from Bob Beck. There was no additional public comment and public comment was closed at 7:55 pm.

Reports:

Evans gave a report to the Township Board that the Fire Agreement between the Gun Lake Tribe and Hopkins Township is going well and payment is going as expected.

Evans gave a report on the US 131 Proposed DDA. He gave the board information about what has happened so far and what is expected to take place in the future.

County Commissioner Gale Dugan gave his commissioner’s report from 8:00 pm. to 8:13 pm.

Alberda gave an update that he is still working with the lawyers on getting ballot language around for the Recycling and Road mileages. They will be ready to be presented at the April meeting.

Old Business:

Treasurer Morris gave an update to the corrective action plan to resolve lack of internal controls between Clerk & Treasurer identified in 2014 audit. Morris said she is still waiting to meet with the auditor following the tax season to get the tax account in BS&A cleaned up.

Board of Review Appointment – Alberda will work on posting a board of review appointment notice to the website.

New Business:

Clerk Alberda presented the board with Budget Amendments to be made for the 2019/2020 budget year. Motion by Alberda supported by Modreske to approve the budget amendments as presented. All ayes.

Discussion was held on a landscaping request that the library has made. The library is looking to clean up and redo landscaping around the library and asked the Township to help cover a portion of the cost as the township offices are inside the library. Motion by Alberda, supported by Modreske to pay 25% of the landscaping costs up to \$600 after the DDA's contribution is made to the library. All ayes.

Public comment was opened at 8:24 pm. No public comment was made and public comment was closed at 8:25 pm.

Board Comment: None.

Motion by Evans, supported by Modreske to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Alberda, Township Clerk