

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

July 13, 2020

Held Telephonically in Accordance with Executive Orders

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. By Supervisor Evans, Evans noted all votes will be by role call due to the call in nature of the meeting and Clerk Alberda will keep the audio version of this meeting on file.

Roll Call – Alberda, Evans, Morris, Wamhoff, Modreske.

Absent – None.

Motion by Alberda supported by Morris to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Business item “D. Dust Control”. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske -yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Morris supported by Wamhoff to approve the minuets for the June 8 Regular Meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to approve the financial report as presented. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Morris, supported by Wamhoff to approve the bills as presented for the amount of \$25,180.97. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence was presented to the board by Supervisor Evans including a letter from resident Sally Truax.

Public Comment- Public comment was opened at 7:42 pm. There was no public comment and public comment was closed at 7:42 pm.

Reports:

Election Report- Alberda gave an update to the upcoming August election. He advised that the mail in ballot turnaround times are currently typically less then 24 hours from the time applications are received to the time ballots are sent out. Everything is going well but many changes are expected before the election and much more time will have to be spent preparing for the election.

Old Business:

Corrective Action Plan identified in 2014 audit – Morris and Alberda gave an update to the board and noted that things are completed with the corrective action plan and are going well. Trustee Modreske said that he liked the new reports that are now created with the BS&A software. Motion by Alberda and supported by Modreske to remove the Corrective Action Plan from old business as it has now been completed. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Cemetery Road Bids – Discussion was held on the construction and fixing of the cemetery road bids. Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to accept the bid of Arnsmann's with the possibility of extra sand being added in. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

L-4029 – Discussion was had on the L-4029. Motion by Modreske supported by Alberda to allow Evans and Alberda to sign the L-4029 with all taxes being levied at the maximum mill rate except for the Fire millage which is to be reduced to .5000. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Dugan gave his report from 8:06 pm. to 8:12 pm.

Hopkins Village North Park Cost Share Request – Discussion was made on cost sharing parking lot paving with the Village of Hopkins. Motion by Modreske supported by Alberda to pay 25% of the \$28,850.00 estimate with the possibility of the Village asking for more if they cannot secure other funding. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

DDA Hearing – Evans advised that the Township Board had wanted to do the meeting in person at the Fire Station but the Township Attorney advised against that option due to current executive orders in place. Motion by Modreske supported Wamhoff to keep the 7-29-2020 meeting telephonic. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Dust Control – Discussion was made on a dust control millage. Motion by Alberda supported by Morris to allow Alberda and Evans to get with the Township lawyers and create ballot language to put a 6 year, .35 millage on the 11-3-2020 ballot. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – no, Modreske – no, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 3-2.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened at 8:36 pm. There was no public comment and public comment was closed at 8:36 pm.

Board Comment – Modreske made board comment.

Motion by Evans supported by Modreske to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Roll Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Eric Alberda.