

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 12, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. By Supervisor Evans.

Roll Call – Alberda, Evans, Modreske, Wamhoff.

Absent – Morris with prior notice.

Motion by Alberda supported by Wamhoff to approve the agenda with the following additions to New Business; A. 425 Letter, B. Election Grant, C. 2020 Audit Report. All ayes.

Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting. All ayes.

Motion by Wamhoff supported by Modreske to approve the financial report as presented. All ayes.

Motion by Alberda, supported by Wamhoff to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$78,477.51. All ayes.

Correspondence was presented to the board. Clerk Alberda advised the board that the Leighton Township Planning Commission was updating their master plan and we were notified as our NE corner of our township touches Leighton Township. Supervisor Evans gave information regarding the Boundary Commission Meeting.

Public Comment- Public comment was opened at 7:36 pm. There was no public comment and public comment was closed at 7:36 pm.

Reports:

DDA Update – Supervisor Evans gave the board an update regarding the DDA.

Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Dugan gave his report later in the meeting as he was not present at this time.

Countywide ORV Ordinance – Supervisor Evans gave an update to the board regarding the Countywide ORV Ordinance. At this time 14 municipalities had voted to continue working on a Countywide ORV Ordinance and approximately 5 more showed interest.

Wayland City Annexation – Supervisor Evans gave an update to the Boundary Commission Meeting during correspondence. Supervisor Evans also stated that our attorney would attend the meeting on our behalf.

Cemetery Update – Supervisor Evans said that work had begun on our cemetery driveway projects and would be completed soon.

Election Update – Clerk Alberda gave an update on the upcoming election. Clerk Alberda stated he is expecting record turnouts would be present and that a record number of absentee ballots were being sent out with more being sent out each day. He advised that extra workers would be present to help with the additional work due to the high volume of anticipated voter turnout.

Old Business:

Round-Andrews Cemetery Painting – Discussion was had on painting the fence at the Round-Andrews Cemetery. Motion by Alberda and supported by Modreske to wait until the spring of 2021. All ayes.

New Business:

425 Letter – Discussion was had on a possible 425 agreement with the City of Wayland. Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to allow Supervisor Evans to proceed with a 425 agreement with the City of Wayland should the City of Wayland find it financially feasible to accept the new land. All Ayes.

Election Grant – Clerk Alberda advised the Board that he had purchased an additional tabulator for the upcoming election due to the large increase in absentee ballots and large increase in the number of voters on the permanent absentee voter list. Clerk Alberda advised that he was able to find a grant from the State of Michigan to help fund this purchase. Motion by Alberda supported by Modreske to allow Alberda to sign and enter the grant agreement where the State will contribute \$2,695.00 and the Township of Hopkins \$3,044.00. All ayes.

Audit 2020 – Clerk Alberda gave the board an audit update. The audit for fiscal year ending 3-31-2020 was completed. The township got high remarks and it was noted that the previous audit issues were corrected and being done correctly. The auditors gave Hopkins Township a clear audit report. Motion by Wamhoff supported by Modreske to accept the audit report as presented. All ayes.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened at 7:53 pm. Bob Beck made public comment. Public comment was closed at 7:53 pm.

County Commissioner Gale Dugan entered the meeting at 7:54 pm and gave his Commissioner Update from 7:54 pm to 7:57 pm.

Board Comment – Clerk Alberda made board comment.

Motion by Evans supported by Wamhoff to adjourn at 7:57 pm. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Eric Alberda.