

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 8, 2023

Held At 142. E. Main St. Library Annex

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

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

Absent – None

Motion by Alberda supported by Wamhoff to approve the agenda with the addition to reports “G. Wayland Area EMS Update”. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Modreske supported by Morris to approve the minutes for the April 10, 2023 meeting. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

The financials were discussed and a motion was made by Alberda, supported by Wamhoff to approve the financial report as presented. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Morris, supported by Modreske to approve the bills in the amount of \$36,768.21. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comment- Public comment was opened at 7:41 pm. Bob Beck gave public comment. Public comment closed at 7:42 pm.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report – Commissioner Beltman gave his report from 7:42 pm to 7:49 pm.

Election Update - Clerk Alberda gave an update on the May 2, 2023 election. He noted that the election went smooth and looks forward to the new hall being completed for the much needed space on election days.

ARPA Funds Audit Report - Supervisor Evans noted that the ARPA funds report had been submitted and was completed on time.

Township Hall Update - Supervisor Evans gave an update to the progress of the new hall building. Clerk Alberda noted that they did hit the water line that goes to the library and that was replaced within a week and water restored to the library.

Memorial Day Service & Cemetery Update - Supervisor Evans noted that the Maplewood service would be held on Memorial Day at 10 am. All speakers and performers were lined up and good to go.

Annexation Update - Supervisor Evans noted that no letter has been received from LARA at this time and we are awaiting the letter.

Planning Commission Report - Supervisor Evans and Trustee Wamhoff gave an update to the planning commission. They also gave an update that the Solar Energy Ordinance is in progress.

Wayland Area EMS Update - Supervisor Evans gave an update to the status of Wayland Area EMS including new truck purchases and the status of replacing retiring Director Robert Hess.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Appointment of Planning Commission Vacancy - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-14 Appointment of Andrew Veenstra to the Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority. After reviewing and taking into consideration the following: That only one application was received and that concerns about being related to another board member were thought about, but after discussion it was noted that Andrew would be capable of making his own decisions and to use his own thoughts to make his decisions based on his thoughts and interpretations regardless of the other board members, a motion was made by Evans, supported by Modreske to approved Resolution 2023-14. Roll Call Vote - Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Morris - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment : Public comment was opened at 8:14 pm. Bob Beck gave public comment from 8:14 pm. to 8:15 pm. There was no other public comment and public comment closed at 8:15 pm.

Board Comment – None.

Motion by Evans supported by Wamhoff to adjourn at 8:15 pm. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Eric Alberda.