

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 8, 2024

Held At 128 S Franklin St, Hopkins MI 49328

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

Roll Call – Evans, Wamhoff, Modreske, Alberda, Timmer

Absent – None

Motion by Wamhoff supported by Timmer to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Alberda supported by Modreske to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

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

Discussion was held on the bills for the month and a motion was made by Wamhoff, supported by Modreske to approve the bills in the amount of \$63,344.68. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence – Supervisor Evans mentioned that the township received a bid from SWB Enterprises for dust control in the amount of \$24,375. He also mentioned that the township received a letter of certification from FEMA showing that we are participating in the flood insurance program.

Public Comment- Public comment was opened at 7:38 PM. Ken Blaauw made public comments from 7:38 PM to 7:41 PM. Bob Beck made public comments from 7:41 PM to 7:42 PM. Bob Larr made public comments from 7:42 PM to 7:43 PM. There was no other public comment and public comment was closed at 7:43 PM.

Reports:

Election Report - Clerk Timmer gave a report that the election process is underway for the February 27, 2024, Primary Election. Absentee voter ballot applications have been sent out and many have been returned already. She also mentioned that Hopkins Township will be partnering with Monterey Township for the nine days of early voting which will be held in the new Hopkins Township/Village Hall.

Building Addition - Supervisor Evans and Treasurer Alberda informed the Board that the project was nearly complete and there are only a few minor things to finish. A final walkthrough will be

done before the final payment is submitted. Public comment was opened at 7:47 PM and there was no public comment.

FEMA Flood Insurance Letter - Supervisor Evans discussed the letter under correspondence.

County Commissioner - Commissioner Beltman gave his report from 7:47 to 7:51 PM. Commissioner Beltman discussed the 123NET progress, expansion of the Courthouse, and the opening for the Health Department director among other county information.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Parks & Recreation Plan - Discussion was had on the Parks & Rec plan public hearing. The Parks & Rec Plan public hearing was opened at 7:51 PM and discussion was had on the Parks and Rec Plan. Public comment was opened at 7:52 PM and Ken Blaauw made public comment until 7:54. Bob Larr made public comments from 7:54 to 7:56 PM. There was no other public comment and public comment was closed at 7:56 PM. Board discussion continued and a motion was made by Wamhoff, supported by Alberda to approve the 2024-2028 Hopkins Community Parks & Recreation Plan Resolution 2024-01, all ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Gravel Recommendations - Supervisor Evans gave an update on the preliminary suggestion from the County Road Commission on their recommendations for the 2024 gravel application. This will be discussed again at another meeting.

Hopkins District Library Board Appointment - Discussion was had on Resolution 2024-02 appointment of Marie (Angie) Teunissen Hopkins District Library Board Appointment. Motion by Timmer, supported by Modreske to approve resolution 2024-02. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

2023/2024 Budget Amendments discussion - Supervisor Evans noted that planned budget amendments were going to be needed after final payments to the Building Project are submitted. Recommendations will be made at the February Meeting.

2024/2025 Budget Suggestions - Discussion was had on the draft 2024/2025 budget. More discussion will occur at future meetings.

Public Comment: Public comment was opened at 8:13 PM. Emily Glowacki gave public comments from 8:13 PM to 8:14 PM. Ken Blaauw gave public comments from 8:14 PM to 8:16 PM. Bob Larr gave public comments at 8:16 PM. There was no other public comment and public comment closed at 8:16 PM.

Board Comment – Supervisor Evans gave a comment regarding office space in the Library. There was further discussion with Bob Larr and questions about the space from 8:21 PM to

8:33 PM. Treasurer Alberda noted that Tax payments are being processed as soon as possible. There are some delays with some payments still being mailed to the old treasurer's address. There was no further board comment.

Motion by Evans supported by Wamhoff to adjourn at 8:36 pm. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Stacey Timmer