

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 11, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tammy Beal, Les Andersen, Greg Durbin, Dan Lowe, Scott Lloyd, and Duane Stokes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Hanvey

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Phil Westmoreland, Spicer Group

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Tammy Beal called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

The board members introduced themselves.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No response.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Items #12—Howell Landscaping Complaint, #13—High Sewer, #14—Tree Donation, #15—Receipting Program, and #16—New Recording System were added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the consent agenda. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**INTERPRETATION OF AGRIBUSINESS USE FOR WITKOWSKI**

Tammy Beal suggested postponing this item until the full board is present. Bruce Powelson said the “Bullet-proof Zoning” seminar he attended at the MTA conference suggested that municipalities need to make allowances for agri-business, and he feels it should be allowed.

Les Andersen motioned to postpone discussion on this item until the May 25 meeting. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Stokes, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**RICOH COPIER AND FORMAX FOLDER**

Les Andersen motioned to approve purchase of the Ricoh copier and Formax folder, as presented. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Stokes, Durbin, Lowe, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

## WWTP OPERATIONS/LIFE STATION COMMUNICATIONS

Tammy Beal said that, according to Bob Hanvey, there is no new information on this agenda item.

Phil Westmoreland said he talked with a mechanical contractor who feels he can get the ozone generator working properly. Les Andersen motioned to approve funding for the mechanical contractor and the engineer, not to exceed one day. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Durbin, Beal, Lloyd, Stokes, Andersen—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

## CRYSTALWOOD

A map and construction estimate for the three sections of roads within the development is included in the packet. Phil Westmoreland said his recommendation would be to wait until it's closer to completion. Dan Lowe said he thought they were going to take the road completely out and reconstruct. Mr. Westmoreland will re-estimate based on that information.

## ROADS

Les Andersen motioned to approve the project agreement for Jewell Road as amended and authorize the clerk and/or supervisor to sign the agreement. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Stokes, Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Lloyd, Durbin—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Tammy Beal reported that the LCRC will begin work on D-19 from north of Coon Lake Road to Oak Bark on June 15, weather permitting.

## NEW ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the clerk to sign the grant agreement with the Michigan Department of State for the purchase of new voting equipment utilizing Federal HAVA and State appropriated funding, and to purchase an additional machine and the necessary peripherals for approximately \$6,000. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Durbin, Lloyd, Stokes, Andersen, Beal—all yes. **Resolution passed 6-0.**

## RECYCLING

Due to the cost of the service, the board agreed to take no action and the pilot project will discontinue on June 23, 2017. Tammy Beal said that Bob Hanvey is still discussing a special assessment with the Drain Commissioner's office.

## NUISANCE/NOISE ORDINANCE

Tammy Beal said she talked with the undersheriff and he said the township needs a nuisance ordinance. Greg Durbin said he met with a deputy who said the owner of the property needs to send a letter to the sheriff's department and the state police requesting enforcement. Ms. Beal will contact Manny Kianicky of S.R. Jacobson and ask him to write a letter and to also ask for gates and better signage.

Mike Goral is looking into what can be done about "jake" braking; an ordinance will need to be written.

## FILLMORE PARK RESOLUTION

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the supervisor and clerk to sign the participating agreement and pay \$3,000 to the county in match assistance for funding of Fillmore County Park, as presented. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Resolution passed 6-0.**

**HOWELL LANDSCAPE COMPLAINT**

Tammy Beal provided the board members with correspondence from the zoning administrator regarding a complaint about Howell Landscape (formerly Eddie’s Landscaping.) Dan Lowe said there are other similar situations in the township. Mr. Lowe will visit the site with the zoning administrator.

**HIGHE SEWER**

Les Andersen motioned that the township will only pay for the grinder pump (ref. April 8 special meeting minutes.) Scott Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

**TREE DONATION**

The board members agreed to a local maple or oak tree. Dan Lowe suggested putting it by the log sign near the pond. Tammy Beal will check with the LCRC on the road easement in that area.

**RECEIPTING PROGRAM**

Les Andersen motioned to approve the purchase of BS&A receipting software for the treasurer’s office in the amount of \$5,595, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Stokes, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**NEW RECORDING SYSTEM**

Dan Lowe would like to have new recording equipment; the recordings are inconsistent and difficult to hear. Tammy Beal said in the future, she would like to have an addition with a permanent board table. Tammy Beal will have the staff look at what’s available.

**CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES**

Tammy Beal said that Mr. DeBottis will be doing the parking lot on Friday, May 26, weather permitting.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No response.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Greg Durbin motioned to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk      Date

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Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor      Date