

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2018**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey 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

Howell Landscaping was added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the consent agenda. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

Scott Lloyd motioned to adopt a resolution to adopt the poverty exemption policy and guidelines for 2018 income and asset tests, as presented. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

BOARD OF REVIEW LETTER APPEALS

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to allow residents to file letter appeals to the Board of Review for 2018, as presented. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Stokes, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

HEALTH INSURANCE PA 152 OPT-OUT

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the opting out of the 2011 Public Act 152, as presented. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Stokes, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

BUDGET

A letter from the State of Michigan Treasury Department is included in the packet, along with the response from the township. Supervisor Hanvey said he would like to make amendments to the current year's budget more often.

SEWER LIFT STATION COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Hanvey updated the board members on this item, and provided a proposal that the City of Howell received from RS Technical Services to update the equipment.

EMERGENCY PLAN

The township board members reviewed the draft Support Emergency Operations Plan and had no suggestions for changes.

MEADOWS WEST

A letter from the attorneys is included in the packet. Mitch Harris has asked to have the Planning Commission schedule a public hearing in February for the special use permit.

CRYSTALWOOD ROAD ESCROW AGREEMENT

Supervisor Hanvey said the question is whether to redo the consent judgment; our attorney says yes, their attorney says no. No action at this time.

ZBA REPORT

Dan Lowe said the ZBA met on Monday, January 8 to approve the minutes from December's meeting at the attorney's request. No new cases were heard.

HOWELL LANDSCAPING

A copy of the letter the attorney sent to Mr. Rochowiak, along with his response, is included in the packet. No action required at this time. Les Andersen said he would like proof that the freight is incidental to sales at the location. Forrest Wyckoff, 3145 Cedar Lake Rd., asked how this operation is any different than others in the township, specifically Sisson's company. Mr. Andersen said that Sisson's business has been operating since 1968.

Les Andersen motioned to have the supervisor talk with the attorney and request proof that it's the property owner's product, which is incidental to Howell Landscape that is being delivered locally. Tammy Beal seconded. Discussion: Greg Durbin said it's not up to the property owner to prove he's not doing something, the township should prove that he is. Roll call vote: Hanvey—yes; Lowe—yes; Durbin—yes; Beal—yes; Lloyd—yes; Stokes—no; Andersen—yes. **Motion carried 6-1.**

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

A letter from Carlisle Wortman regarding holiday donations is included in the packet.

A thank you letter for the use of the basement was received from Livingston County Catholic Charities.

Early registration for MTA began January 3; contact the clerk's office to register.

MERS will be in the office on Tuesday, January 16 at 2 pm.

Les Andersen said he will attend the next Livingston County Road Commission meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor Date