

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 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

Bruce Powelson thanked the board members for allowing him to attend the conference in Frankenmuth, and shared information he learned regarding business interests of board members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bob Hanvey added item #11—Sewer Connection Policy. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MICHIGAN HORSE COUNCIL/CAMP INNISFREE

Jean Ligon, Michigan Horse Council and a member of the Putnam Township Planning Commission, was present to discuss potential plans for Camp Innisfree, a 995-acre equestrian camp that the DNR is considering purchasing. The cost of a feasibility study is approximately \$70,000; however, a visioning workshop has been scheduled at a much lower cost. The hope is that the workshop will narrow the focus and the feasibility study could be done for less money. The DNR is not interested in managing buildings and would partner with the Horse Council. The Horse Council and Putnam Township have committed to contributing \$3000 each toward the \$8000 workshop cost. Duane Stokes suggested that Unadilla and Hamburg townships could be included. Jim Witkowski said he thinks it's a good plan. Bob Hanvey asked who the decision makers would be? Ms. Ligon said the DNR, the Horse Council, and private partners. Mr. Hanvey said that someone from the township would attend the workshop. Tammy Beal would like the township to contribute; Mr. Hanvey will check on how that could be done.

AJR GROUP FINAL REVIEW OF CZRN #1-17 CONDITIONAL REZONING

The applicant, Sally Witkowski, said she spoke with Rob Stanford from the county's Planning Department, who was not aware that the township's master plan language supports Highway Service zoning through the D-19 corridor. The LC Planning Department has recommended denial of the conditional rezoning, but to reexamine using the township's agricultural-tourism ordinance. Les Andersen said the property owners are being allowed to use the property as it was when they purchased it.

Les Andersen motioned to deny CZRN #01-17 as recommended by the Livingston County Planning Department and the township planner. Dan Lowe seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe—yes; Lloyd—yes; Beal—yes; Hanvey—no; Durbin—yes; Andersen—yes; Stokes—no. **Motion to deny carried 5-2.**

MARION TOWNSHIP ANNEXATION

Roland Harkless, who has an interest in two parcels that are currently in the City of Howell's jurisdiction, would like to explore the possibility of annexation or any other method to serve these parcels with sewer and water service. Dan Lowe motioned to notify the owner of the property that the township would be interested. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

2018 PRIMARY ROAD PROJECTS

The LCRC's cost-sharing amount is \$250,000; the township's share would be \$475,000 for Coon Lake Road from Cedar Lake to County Farm (\$275,000) and County Farm to D-19 (\$450,000). Les Andersen motioned to accept the cost-share agreement from the Livingston County Road Commission as presented, contingent on \$250,000 in matching funds from the county, and to amend the budget as necessary. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Stokes, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Les Andersen motioned to get an estimate from the LCRC for Bentley Lake Road. Bob Hanvey seconded. **Motion carried.**

An email was received from Michael Stefanka regarding the conditions of Sanitorium Road. Dan Lowe said the LCRC was supposed to remove the boulders. Any complaints should be forwarded to the road commission.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the budget amendments for FY 7/2017-6/2018, by activity, as presented. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

HOWELL LANDSCAPING

No new information on this item.

MEADOWS WEST

A public hearing was held on February 27, 2018.

CRYSTALWOOD ROAD ESCROW AGREEMENT

Bob Hanvey said there are some discrepancies between the consent judgment and Dan Lowe's easement with regard to public vs. private roads, and the Livingston County Road Commission wants their attorney to review. Dan Lowe said they are down to ten lots. Bob Hanvey will talk with Rick Elkow about paving.

SEWER CONNECTION POLICY

Bob Hanvey passed out the form that's currently being used. Sunridge needs to be changed to Marion Creek. Dan Lowe and Phil Westmoreland discussed the markers used to identify sewer leads. Dan Lowe said the sewer ordinance needs to be changed to require rebar or treated lumber. The board members also discussed adding the words *by the township* at the end of the sentence on the bottom of the form.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

A records retention and disposal schedule is included in the packet from the clerk.

The monthly update from the Livingston County Commissioner's is in the packet.

The township received paperwork from the attorney for Mr. Volante today.

Les Andersen said the power plant proposed for Handy Township will benefit Howell schools via taxes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date