

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 26, 2018**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Durbin

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer; Dave Hamann, Zoning Administrator

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

Debra Wiedman-Clawson, 2355 White Birch Trail, presented the board members with a packet of information related to the proposed Love county drain. She has a concern about the board being able to act in a timely manner. A copy of the packet is available for review at the township office.

Bob Chvala, 225 Summer Shade, was present to discuss his concerns about the disrepair of Mason Road; he's already discussed with the LCRC. He is requesting the township board consider repairing 9/10 of a mile. Dan Lowe said it would cost millions to repair the road properly. Bob Hanvey said this issue needs more investigation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items #7—Planning Commission Membership; #8—Solid Waste Grant, #9—Peavy Road Bridge, #10—Landscaping, and #11—Closed session with the attorney, were added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

CEMETERY AND PARKS GENERAL ORDINANCES

The Planning Commission has recommended some changes in the language. Tammy Beal said that page 2, 6A of the Cemetery ordinance needs to include "one burial and two cremains." She also said the township will probably need a new sexton within the next year. Duane Stokes volunteered to work on the language for the two ordinances with Cheryl Range.

ORDINANCE CONFLICTS

Bob Hanvey said the zoning ordinance and land division ordinance have conflicting language. He presented possible changes to the land division ordinance. Dan Lowe said he doesn't see a problem and the ordinances are too strict. Dave Hamann said there has been discussion about allowing shared driveways. Dan Lowe motioned to postpone action on this item. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN—COMMUNICATIONS AT THE PUMP STATIONS

The City of Howell will be converting their pump station communications to a radio system. It would cost the township approximately \$65,000 for the same system. Dan Lowe said to have them all changed over to Charter. Some board members questioned whether the radio system would become obsolete. Bob Hanvey motioned to postpone this item until an asset management program is received from Spicer. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

CRYSTALWOOD ROADS

Bob Hanvey motioned to postpone action on this item. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Bob Hanvey said that Claire Stevens has resigned from the township Planning Commission. He would like the new member to represent the northern (condo) part of the township. An ad will be placed in the paper, as well as the township's website, Twitter, Facebook, etc.

SOLID WASTE GRANT

Bob Hanvey passed out a review spreadsheet and the township should be receiving a grant for \$2,736.80 for the roadside clean-up.

PEAVY ROAD BRIDGE

Scott Lloyd said there's been a lot of truck traffic on the bridge. He suggested putting a sign on Mason Road with the weight limits before they turn on Peavy Road. Someone from the township will contact the LCRC.

LANDSCAPING

Tammy Beal said the bushes in the front are unsightly and harboring lots of bees. She'll get bids on having them removed. Dan Lowe said he'd take a look at them.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

Dave Hamann provided the board members with a final site visit report for 2035 Norton Road.

Duane Stokes submitted a quarterly investment report.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

CLOSED SESSION WITH ATTORNEY

At 8:35 pm, Les Andersen motioned to go into closed session to consult with our attorney regarding the settlement strategy in connection with the Witkowski pending litigation, case #18-29880-CZ, because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the township. Scott Lloyd supported. Roll call vote: Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Lowe, Andersen, Stokes-all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Les Andersen at 9:32 pm to come out of closed session, supported by Duane Stokes. Roll call vote: Stokes, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe-all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Tammy Beal to have the attorneys take appropriate steps to have this case removed from mediation and the case evaluation dockets. Supported by Les Andersen. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Stokes, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd. **Motion carried 6-0.**

MEADOWS WEST

Attorney Meagher explained that there are no updates on this case.

VOLANTE CASE

Attorney Meagher explained that mediation is August 7, 2018, Tammy Beal asked if he could get this changed because of Election Day. He said yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm by Duane Stokes, supported by Scott Lloyd. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date