

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

TOWNSHIP-WIDE RUBBISH SERVICE

Chris Preston and Nadeem Syed from Advanced Disposal were present to answer any of the board's questions on their proposal. Mr. Preston reviewed the proposal and Mr. Syed discussed safety issues. The local office is based in Whitmore Lake; they own a landfill in Auburn Hills and one for composting in Northville. They work with three different recycling centers. Greg Durbin asked how many days per week they would need to complete the township; the plan was for five days, but that could be modified. Les Andersen asked them about the pricing for the recycling; there can be big fluctuations in the cost and that's why it's specifically listed in the proposal.

Call to the Public

Don Duff, 457 Kettle, said if there should be more speed limit signs for trucks over one ton; does not want to switch and the township is destroying competition by having one company.

Dale Reeder, 4982 Yax Pointe, said the HOA for South Oaks recently went to a single hauler because of the deterioration of the roads; they selected The Garbage Man, who has garbage and recycling on one truck.

Marge Piepho, 2353 Sexton, said it doesn't sound like the number of trucks going by her house would be reduced. She's been with Alchins for 30 years and she's very satisfied. She believes that other companies leave carts halfway in the road.

Kim Yaden, 3875 W. Coon Lake Rd., asked if residents can opt out; Mr. Hanvey said no. She said a lot of people have dumpsters; can people still hire whomever they want for dumpsters? The answer was yes, but the rubbish would still be billed on the taxes.

David Micallef, 1919 Hidden Valley, asked if any of the savings would be used on private roads.

Bob West, 1959 Hidden Valley, asked how much extra the township would add to the proposed rate; Mr. Hanvey said most likely nothing extra. If the board did choose to add on, it couldn't be more than 5%.

Don Duff, 457 Keddle, asked why the township is pursuing this. Bob Hanvey said mainly for preservation of the roads and safety issues.

Kevin Lampron, 2846 Jewell, said that Alchins is great, and having one hauler takes away the ability to fire them if they don't do a good job.

Dawn Napper, 4609 Parker Drive, said everyone wants the right to choose their own company. She asked if Genoa Township or any other communities have any statistical data to support one rubbish hauler. Bob Hanvey said it's a good question, but there really isn't a good control group; there are gravel trains and other vehicles driving on the roads. She doesn't believe the township has enough data to approve this.

Greg Durbin said the board is simply looking for solutions to having so many different garbage trucks beating up the roads. This is just an exploration of ideas. No one's trying to force anything down anyone's throat.

Harry Valdes, 4615 Parker Drive, said he lived in a subdivision years ago and garbage trucks were limited on what days they could collect.

Dale Reeder, 4982 Yax Pointe, said his subdivision was given a quote of \$500,000 to fix their roads; the residents decided they'd rather have one rubbish hauler than pay a huge special assessment.

Joe Beyrle, 3753 Norton, said that residents should be able to opt out and wondered where the savings would be.

Josh from The Garbage Man said it's the same amount of weight whether there's one hauler or more. Dan Lowe disagreed with that statement.

Bob Hanvey asked Josh what they do if one of the bins fills up first; he said they don't do much recycling.

Nadeem Syed if it's not a split body truck, the recycling cannot be disposed of properly. He said empty trash trucks usually weigh between 45-47,000 lbs. Erv from the City of Howell has calculations on number of trucks, etc. and impact on the roads.

Timothy Sleeman, 300 Crystal Ct., asked whether this decision would be made by a vote or by the board; it would be a board decision.

Terry Hubenschmidt, 4335 Norton, said heavy trucks go down his road all the time. He doesn't want any change.

Bob Hanvey asked the Alchins representative what their experience is with doing all of Losco Township. Corey Alchin said people need a choice. Les Andersen said Losco pays a portion of the cost, but residents still have a choice to opt out. Mr. Andersen asked the two local companies if they would be willing to limit the number of days. Mr. Alchin recommended Mondays and Thursdays. Mr. Andersen asked whether the residents in the audience appreciate having recycling at the township; Tammy Beal said it costs the township \$450/week and people aren't respecting the rules.

WITKOWSKI'S PA #116

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve Witkowski's PA #116 application. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

SILVER/CORNERSTONE RG PROPERTY

Tom Schroder is requesting the board refund 25 sewer taps for his parcel. Dan Lowe said nothing should be refunded until the situation with the City of Howell is resolved. Bob Hanvey said there's a meeting with the city representatives on Tuesday, October 1 at 10 am.

Scott Lloyd motioned to not refund the funds paid for the 25 sewer REUs. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Schroder is also asking the board to consider swapping a 100' ingress/egress easement for a wider sewer force main easement.

Les Andersen motioned that the board not swap the easement. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

SEWER RATES

Greg Durbin motioned to leave the quarterly rate for non-metered use at \$69.77. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

MAHER SEWER LEAD UPDATE

Bob Hanvey said that Spicer has done a lot of engineering for this project, and is working on getting permits from EGLE. No bids have been received yet.

ROADS

Bob Hanvey said there are several requests from residents for road SADs; the board decided to do Parker Drive first. A letter will be sent to residents to attend an informal meeting. An email was received from Howell Township regarding Mason Road repairs. Dan Lowe motioned that the township not get involved in cost-sharing repairs for Mason Road. Duane Stokes seconded. Discussion: Andy Herald, 1881 Cedar Lake Road, said Mason Road is the worst road and the board should reconsider. **Motion carried 5-2** (Beal/Andersen voted no.)

WOLF REFUND REQUEST

Tammy Beal motioned that the board not refund the \$400 ZBA application fee for Patricia Wolf. Dan Lowe seconded. **Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

A copy of an email was received from Lee Posly thanking the LCRC for crack sealing Bonnie Circle.

Tammy Beal read a letter from Judy Andersen in support of township-wide rubbish collection, but only if it's a local company.

The board members were reminded that the deadline for comments on the development standards is October 3.

Les Andersen said the board members should read MTA's Focus publication's article on Right-to-farm.

Dan Lowe asked about changing the location of Schroeder's dumpster; he will discuss with the zoning administrator.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Bob Batchelor, 1649 County Farm, asked about the language in the general ordinance and the development standards with regard to shared driveways. Bob Hanvey asked him to submit his comments for the next Planning Commission agenda.

Dawn Napper, 4609 Parker Drive, asked about the timing of the SAD letter; Bob Hanvey said it could out early next week.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date