

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2022**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jim Witkowski 311 Pinckney Road, commented on how the Township is being run.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dan Lowe asked if we could add #9 Drainage issue to the agenda. Les Andersen asked to add #10 Civil Infractions and #11 Solar Panels 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. Tammy Beal seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

SCOTT WALDORF-INCH MEMORIAL

Scott Waldorf explained that he has been in the monument business for 40+ years. He has been working with Columbarium's for the last 15 years. Columbarium's are assembled at the Cemetery and come with security screws that require a Keyed-bit for access. Les Anderson asked what would happen if a resident wanted their urn removed from the Columbarium. Scott Waldorf said that the Township Sexton would be able to handle this.

Bob Hanvey asked who would do the engraving on the Columbarium. Scott Waldorf said that his company would do the engraving. Les Andersen asked what something like this would cost. Scott Waldorf said that he could put together some hard numbers for us and get back with us. If he had to give us a rough estimate now, it would be roughly \$25,000.

MISIGNAL BROADBAND

Tammy Beal asked John Gormley if he had looked over the Metro Act. He will look it over and get back with the Board.

MARION TOWNSHIP ROADS

Les Anderson said he isn't very interested in spending any money on Wright Road at this time. Les does like the Potential PPP Plan from the County and thinks that it would be a good guide for us to follow for maintaining our black top roads.

Dan Lowe said that he is concerned with salt brine, showing up in our water wells and fears this could cause serious issues down the road. Bob Hanvey asked if we should ask the Road Commission for a price for double chip seal & fog coat on Cedar Lake Road like on Schafer Road. Les Andersen said that we should ask for a price. Tammy Beal asked about Triangle Lake Road. Les Andersen said for Triangle Lake Road, we could ask for a price on peeling back the limestone and adding natural stone, just like they did on Cedar Lake Road.

- **Lantern Village Road Paving**

Bob Hanvey said that we have a bid for Lantern Village. Les Andersen made a motion to accept and sign this bid. Tammy Beal seconded.
ROLL CALL: Dan Lowe: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Bob Hanvey: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Sandra Donovan: yes. 7-0 MOTION CARRIED

CYBER & PRIVACY LIABILITY COVERAGE

Bob Hanvey explained that we currently use IT Right for security and firewall protection. They offer us pretty thorough coverage. However, we should add some additional coverage against Cyber-attacks through Burnham and Flower. This coverage was about \$2500.

Les Andersen made a motion to add Burnham and Flower's Cyber Security Liability Coverage, to our policy for a price not to exceed \$3000. Tammy Beal seconded.

ROLL CALL: Sandra Donovan: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Bob Hanvey: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Dan Lowe: yes. 7-0 MOTION CARRIED

TOWNSHIP WALKING PATH

Bob explained that there is a proposal in the packet from Culver Excavating for a one-kilometer walking path around the disc golf course for \$135,000. Tammy Beal has submitted the request for funds to the County already. If this gets approved, Scott Lloyd would like to send this out for bids before we move forward.

Bob Hanvey stated that we would wait to hear back from the County regarding the funds.

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP PAR PLAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Hanvey thinks that the Board should nominate Bill Bamber to continue serving on the Par Plan Board of Directors.

Tammy Beal made a motion to nominate Mr. Bill Bamber to continue serving on the Par Plan Board of Directors for MTA. Les Andersen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

DRAINAGE ISSUE

Dan Lowe stated that after the last big rain, it flooded the lake on Hillcrest causing the water to overflow onto the road. The State Highway Department stopped in and spoke with Dave Butcher. A while back they put a culvert in between Dave Butcher's and Dan Lowe's property but it doesn't go anywhere because the ditch is filled in. Bob Hanvey asked how we should get the Drain Commission to get involved. Dan Lowe said that he can get more information from Ken Recker with the Livingston County Drain Commission and we can go from there.

CIVIL INFRACTION

Les Andersen inquired with the Attorney about Civil Infraction. Gormley stated that he sent some information to the Zoning Administrator. Les suggested doing an education day training on Civil Infractions for the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission members. We could do it during a Planning Commission Meeting to help save on Payroll. This would help educate members on civil infractions. Les Andersen said that Zach Michels with Carlisle Wortman seems to be well-versed in this and has some experience with Civil Infractions. Greg Durbin is very concerned about going down this path. Opening the door on having an enforcement officer can create more legal trouble and just stir things up. Greg Durbin suggests going through a process when we find a violation, before we automatically jump to legal trouble.

SOLAR PANELS / FARMS

Les Andersen asked about the solar panel ordinance. Bob Hanvey said the Planning Commission is close to completing this ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

- **Livingston County Update**

- **Howell City Racetrack Update**

Bob Hanvey asked for an update on the Racetrack. John Gormley stated that he filed litigation to preserve the statute of limitations. Howell City's Attorney sent Gormley's office a draft proposal, which has been edited and returned back to Howell City's Attorney.

- **Planning Commission**

Sandra Donovan made a comment about the progress coming from the Planning Commission. She has attended the last several Planning Commission meetings and it seems that they are not getting anything accomplished. They seem to be going in circles with certain topics and rely a lot on our Planner that also doesn't seem to be accomplishing much. Is there something that we can do to help motivate them into getting things accomplished. Les Andersen said he thinks the current Planner that has been filling in for John Enos is really good and has been doing a very good job. However, his hands are somewhat tied because he still has to bring everything back to John Enos.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rick Haslock asked if there was a process in place that helped handle complaints. Does the Township investigate every complaint that comes into the Township? Bob Hanvey stated that there is a process that takes place and if the person making the complaint is willing to file a written complaint with their name, then the Township does look into that issue.

Sandra Donovan stated that the problem comes about when residents call with complaints but want to remain anonymous and don't want to file a written complaint.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: J. Timberlake

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date