

MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer; John Gormley, attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also available to attend online.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Eight residents/citizens spoke about the proposed Solar Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

WINTERWOOD CHIP SEAL SAD

Bob Hanvey opened the public hearing to create the SAD district. Mr. Schallhorn And Mr. Craib both support the creation of the district. No objections were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:54 pm.

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the Winterwood Special Assessment District for Chip Sealing, as presented, and schedule a public hearing to approve the roll on February 9, 2023 at 7:30 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

BURNHAM & FLOWER PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the insurance package, as presented, totaling \$42,622. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

HEALTH INSURANCE PA #152 OPT-OUT RESOLUTION

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to adopt annual exemption option set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

2023 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

Greg Durbin motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2023 Income and Asset Tests, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Hanvey, Lowe, Durbin, Beal, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

BOARD OF REVIEW LETTER APPEALS

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to allow residents to file letter appeals to the 2023 Board of Review, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd, Durbin—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

TIME PAYMENTS FOR SEWER AND WATER REUS

Les Andersen motioned to require payment in full and not allow time payments for sewer and water REUs; the time payment in progress for Hasenbush will be allowed. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Bob Hanvey recommended reappointing Larry Grunn to the Planning Commission. Les Andersen motioned to reappoint Larry Grunn to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Tammy Beal motioned to appoint Barbara Fillinger, Cheryl Range, and Charlie Aberasturi to the Board of Review for a two-year term. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

ROADS

Les Andersen motioned to accept the recommendation from the Livingston County Road Commission, dated December 9, 2022, for County Farm Road and ask the LCRC for a contract. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Durbin, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen, Beal, Hanvey—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Dan Lowe motioned to have the LCRC provide an estimate for Coon Lake Road to the eastern township line chip sealing. Bob Hanvey seconded. **Motion carried.**

SPANGLER STATUS

Scott Lloyd motioned to approve the invoice from DuBois-Cooper for \$19,260 for this project. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

MARION TOWNSHIP ADDITION/SIGN

Tammy Beal reported on the meeting with the architect and walk-through with nine companies attending. Howard Manson will get prices for gazebo repairs.

SOLAR ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Dan Lowe has concerns about this ordinance and feels action should be postponed. Sandy Donovan said she feels these should be located in commercial/industrial districts and the overlay district should be smaller. Attorney John Gormley said not having an ordinance in place would allow them anyplace.

Dan Lowe motioned to postpone action until additional information is obtained from the Livingston County Drain Commission, the overlay district, changes to individual solar equipment, and require applicants to provide a three-year cash bond. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Those board members who are interested in attending the MTA Conference in April should let the clerk's office know.

The township was visited by First Amendment auditors today.

Les Andersen asked to clarify that the PDR ordinance is not the township buying property.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Four residents/citizens spoke about the solar farm ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Lloyd motioned to adjourn at 9:03 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date