

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 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; Attorney John Gormley

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

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Bob Hanvey asked the board members for thoughts on salaries, roads and enforcement prior to the June 22, 2023 budget public hearing. He said the April 2022 to April 2023 inflation rate was about 5%, so that could be an appropriate salary increase.

Tammy Beal pointed out that due to the constitutional modifications approved by the voters, clerks will be required to have nine days of early voting, approximately 50 additional hours. She thought that \$40 per hour for the extra hours would be appropriate. She will also need \$15,000 added to the budget because of the new election requirements.

Bob Hanvey said he would like to pay for any road projects that were done in the current fiscal year with ARPA funds.

The agreement with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department ends in August; the schools now want a full-time officer so the cost would be split between four townships.

CEMETERY EXPANSION

Tammy Beal updated the board on this project. Bob Hanvey said he would like to discuss a columbarium.

TOWNSHIP WALKING PATH UPDATE

Phil Westmoreland said this is in process; they are working on a survey and title work.

MARION TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE/REPAIR UPDATE

Les Andersen motioned to authorize purchase of a Rheem 95% 115,000 BTU single-stage gas valve furnace for \$5,750 from Kearns Mechanical LLC, along with the media filter option for \$310, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Lloyd, Andersen, Donovan, Beal, Durbin, Hanvey, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The assistant assessor has accepted a new position and her last day is June 15, 2023.

Les Andersen suggested a meeting with John Enos regarding staff issues.

Dan Lowe said the sewer line along the river needs to be mowed again. He will ask Joe Vellardita to submit an estimate for the project.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

John Wiley, 4363 Hinchey Rd., asked about the website update.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:55 pm, Sandy Donovan motioned to go into a closed session to discuss the written opinion of our attorney, per MCL 15.268(h) on REU issues because discussion during an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the settlement position of the township. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion by Sandy Donovan to come out of closed session at 8:40 pm, supported by Les Andersen. Roll call vote—all yeas. **Motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

Sandy Donovan motioned to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date