

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2023**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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**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**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Les Andersen motioned to approve the July 27, 2023 closed session minutes as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

**FINAL REVIEW OF TXT #02-19: SECTION 15--SIGNAGE**

Les Andersen said Section 15.06, items A & B, should include Suburban Residential (SR) zoning districts, in addition to Rural Residential (RR.)

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to approve TXT #02-19, as modified. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

**FINAL REVIEW PROPOSED PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**

Les Andersen said individual contracts would have to include rules regarding inspections, trees/vegetation, drain tile replacement, use of the land for recreational purposes, etc.

Article X should be removed with the exception of the first sentence. Include more specific definition of agriculture; limit use to crops and livestock.

Sandy Donovan asked about historical structures. There are none in the township that are registered with the state. Bob Hanvey said historical structures can also be determined by the township.

Sandy Donovan doesn't think general fund money should be used; Dan Lowe and Scott Lloyd agreed and said it should be limited to grants or donations, not a millage or general funds. Tammy Beal also agreed and asked about Christmas tree farms being allowed to cut down trees. Sandy Donovan and Dan Lowe said this process should be initiated by a property owner, not the township.

Bob Hanvey motioned to send the proposed Purchase of Development Rights general ordinance to the attorney for review, with suggestions as discussed. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

### **PFEFFER, HANNIFORD & PALKA ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

Sandy Donovan motioned to accept the engagement letter from Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka and authorize the supervisor to sign. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RESOLUTION**

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to appoint the Township Supervisor as the Sewer and Water System Director as part of his general duties and without additional compensation, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Durbin, Beal, Hanvey, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

### **SEWER & MHOG WATER COMPARISON**

Bob Hanvey provided the board members with a comparison report through June 2023. The board members discussed having the manholes worked on. Bob Hanvey will ask Phil Westmoreland for a description of work and specs for inspecting/repair.

### **MARION TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE**

Les Andersen motioned to approve the site plan for the maintenance, bump out and reverse gable on the township hall. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Roof:** Tammy Beal said the insurance is paying an additional \$4,800 for the gazebo roof hail damage. Jim Andersen, Planning Commission, provided the board members with information on Kynar metal roofs. Greg Durbin said that after additional research, he would support a metal roof rather than asphalt shingles.

Greg Durbin motioned to choose a metal roof on the building after the warranty has been inspected. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin—yes; Lloyd—no; Hanvey—yes; Lowe—no; Andersen—yes; Beal—yes; Donovan—yes. **Motion carried 5-2.**

Scott Lloyd motioned to have the gazebo roof repaired with shingles. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Durbin, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen, Beal, Hanvey—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**Fire Hall Door:** Tammy Beal said the framing is in place for the door; she doesn't have a price yet from Schafer.

### **CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES**

The Livingston County Planning Department's Brown Bag Lunch is scheduled for August 15 from 12 noon-1 pm; the topic is SEMCOG 2050 Regional and County Forecast.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Comments were heard from Sherry Highland-Belling, and Theresa Hagadorn, 4023 Jewell Road.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk      Date

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Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor      Date