

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Hanvey

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer

CALL TO ORDER

Tammy Beal called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. The meeting is also available to attend online.

Les Andersen motioned to elect Tammy Beal to chair the meeting. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Nancy Manson, 3346 W. Coon Lake Road, had two items to share: #1 is that the disc golf course is very nice; #2 is that she would like to see the township spend money on children’s play equipment, perhaps something similar to what Pinckney has in the downtown area. Scott Lloyd also thanked Nancy and her husband, Howard, for mowing the disc golf course.

Steve Phillips, 1851 Fox Ridge Drive, was present regarding Francis Road.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sandy Donovan motioned to approve the agenda. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

2024 MARION TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS

Les Andersen reported that the Livingston County Road Commission told him that there is nothing official stating that Iosco Township takes care of Dutcher Road. Dan Lowe said it’s always been that way. Any improvements would have to be shared between Iosco and Marion townships.

Tammy Beal asked Steve Phillips if he had done his survey of residents regarding Francis Road improvements. He said he has talked with Bob Hanvey who explained how the process works, so he’s holding off for the moment. There is a question whether residents who don’t actually live on the road, but

use the road, can be part of an SAD. Dan Lowe said Dutcher needs ditching more than gravel. No action at this time.

SEWER USAGE RATE INCREASE

Based on reports that he received, Bob Hanvey calculated that the rate per 1,000 gallons should be raised to \$6.80, which is an increase of 7.486%.

Dan Lowe motioned to approve an increase of 7%. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Scott Lloyd motioned to adopt a resolution to increase the rate per 1,000 gallons to \$6.80, an increase of 7.486%. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen—yes; Donovan—yes; Beal—yes; Durbin—yes; Lloyd—yes; Lowe—no. **Motion carried 5-1.** Tammy Beal said this will be published in the newspaper prior to taking effect.

MARION TOWNSHIP WALKING PATH

Phil Westmoreland provided two aerial photos of a proposed walking path. Both versions will be part of the bid specifications. Scott Lloyd asked about including paving of the gravel road that leads to the gazebo. Phil said that can be part of the bid packet.

Scott Lloyd motioned to have the paving added to the bid packet. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

MARION TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE

Tammy Beal updated the board members on this project.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Sandy Donovan said that there was discussion as the last meeting about complaints; she doesn't believe that anonymous complaints should be accepted. The board members discussed the zoning administrator vs. a code enforcement officer.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Lloyd motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date