

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Les Andersen, Tammy Beal, Dan Lowe, Duane Stokes, Scott Lloyd, and Bob Hanvey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Durbin

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Les Andersen said he prefers the longer version of the ordinance. Bob Hanvey said the board needs to decide whether they want civil infractions or misdemeanors. The board members agreed it should be civil infractions. Mr. Hanvey will send the version included in today's packet to the attorney for review and to help figure out the process for handling the civil infractions.

LISA MAHER SEWER LEAD

Phil Westmoreland said Spicer is almost done with the plans; he should have them next week, and he will send it out to contractors for prices. Bob Hanvey said that Ms. Maher indicated she would also like to connect the house to the north of hers. She says she has correspondence from the township that indicates that property can purchase an REU at \$5,499 rate; Mr. Hanvey said he will continue to look for that letter in the township's files.

SEWER BILLING

Bob Hanvey said the City of Howell had a 6.9% increase effective August 1; he is waiting to receive a letter from them and will present it at the next board meeting.

2020 ROAD PROJECTS

An email from the Howell Township treasurer is included in the packet, asking whether the township would be interested in cost sharing work on Mason Road. Dan Lowe said let the LCRC pay for the work. Bob Hanvey said he will ask for more information from Howell Township. Les Andersen suggested that Phil Westmoreland look at the blacktop roads and come up with five, and also suggested Schafer Road. Scott Lloyd suggested adding more gravel to some of the dirt roads, such as Cedar Lake south of Coon Lake. Dan Lowe said the township should be spending \$50,000 each year on Cedar Lake in preparation for paving. Bob Hanvey said the township has received more requests for road SADs. A resident from Parker Drive said the road needs maintenance. Bob Hanvey said there are some issues with Parker Drive because several of the property owners don't actually have frontage. He suggested holding an informal meeting with the property owners to discuss.

WITKOWSKI'S PA #116

The board members reviewed the Witkowski's application. Les Andersen motioned to have the supervisor check with both attorneys on whether approving the PA #116 could impact current litigation with the property owner. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.** If necessary, a special meeting may be scheduled to vote on this issue.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Transportation Coalition is requesting the each of the units in the county support and encourage the county commissioners to fully implement the master plan. No motion from the board is required at this time.

PFEFFER, HANNIFORD, PALKA ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Les Andersen motioned to give permission to the clerk and supervisor to sign the contract with Pfeffer, Hanniford, Palka, as presented. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Tammy Beal said the zoning administrator hadn't heard from Dan Lowe and Les Andersen about attending the site plan review class; both said they will attend.

Les Andersen said a recent MTA magazine indicated that wedding barns are not covered by Right-to-Farm.

Genoa Township is hosting an upcoming Brown Bag Lunch meeting on how to write a wedding barn ordinance, led by Carlisle Wortman.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date