

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2019**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland and Tracy Anderson, Spicer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jamie & Brandon Finch, 606 E. Coon Lake Rd., were present in response to a letter they received from the zoning administrator regarding their home business. They are asking the board to clarify what they can and cannot do. Mrs. Finch said that no business is conducted in the house; it's all done off-site. Their equipment is stored in the garage with the exception of the trucks and trailers. Bob Hanvey said that the property is in ERS-1 zoning district, which doesn't allow Class II home occupations. Les Andersen asked if the subdivision has rules regarding commercial vehicles. Bob Hanvey said the HOA is aware of the business. Mrs. Finch said many of the neighbors use their lawn service. Jim Andersen, Planning Commission member, said there was no public complaint, the business was noticed by PC members. Dan Lowe said the property needs to look residential, no more than two trucks and trailers. Scott Lloyd and Duane Stokes both agreed this was a Class I home occupation. Greg Durbin said they should get rid of the tubing that's stored outside, and keep it looking residential.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Dan Lowe asked to have the joint meeting minutes changed on page 3 to say "Mr. Lowe said he doesn't care about being re-elected."

Dan Lowe motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

MHOG STORAGE BUILDING SITE PLAN APPROVAL

Greg Tatara, MHOG's utility director, was present to answer any questions the board members may have about the new storage building. Mr. Tatara said the planner mentioned the orange roof; the roof isn't going to be orange and it will have downward facing LED lights. Les Andersen motioned to approve the site plan for SPR #01-19, MHOG Storage Building, as presented. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

HOWELL CITY SEWER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

Phil Westmoreland and Tracy Anderson from Spicer were present to discuss their review of the wastewater treatment plant project. Bob Hanvey asked if the board members had any objection to this report being sent to the city and CIRAB board; there were none.

Bob Hanvey passed out an email from Mike Spittler regarding payment options for design engineering for the project. Les Andersen motioned to have the township pay monthly rather than up front. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

2019-20 BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING

Bob Hanvey opened the public hearing at 8:30 pm; no comments were heard, and the public hearing was closed.

Les Andersen motioned to approve the General Fund amendments for FY 7/1/18-6/30/19 with income of \$1,550,191 and expenses of \$1,630,230, as presented. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the 2019 tax rate request for .7804 as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

2019-20 BUDGET REVIEW

Bob Hanvey provided the proposed FY 7/1/19-6/30/20 budget for review and approval at the next meeting. A proposed 3% increase is included for salaries. There is \$50,000 budgeted for enforcement, which includes attorney fees, publications, etc. The board members discussed what enforcement issues will be sent to Carlisle Wortman; it was decided that the zoning administrator will determine what's sent. Scott Lloyd said he doesn't want salary increases for trustees; Greg Durbin said trustees shouldn't be excluded.

CRYSTALWOOD ROADS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Bob Hanvey reported that the meeting was held last week, and the township is waiting for a response from all the residents.

HOMETOWN VILLAGE PHASE III

Bob Hanvey updated the board members on this item. He sent an email to Allen Edwin with six items about procedural issues; a meeting will be scheduled with the attorneys.

ROADS/ENGINE BRAKING SIGNS

The board members discussed specific locations for these signs: north and southbound D-19 at Coon Lake Road; south side of Coon Lake Road toward Bentley Lake Road; east side of Cedar Lake Road south of Jewell. Les Andersen suggested that the sign verbiage be sent to the attorney for review.

ALCHIN TOWNSHIP PICKUP

Tammy Beal and Bob Hanvey reported on their meeting with Alchins. They are less than enthusiastic about collecting for the entire township, but if they did, they would also want the high-density areas included. After discussion, the board members agreed to continue researching this item.

2019-20 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The Livingston HSCB quarterly newsletter is included in the packet.

The Livingston County Commissioners' monthly newsletter was received.

A copy of the Livingston County Transit Master Plan is included in the packet.

Dan Lowe said he talked with representatives from the LCRC regarding Peavy Road bridge; no new information. He also talked with Ken Recker from the LCDC regarding McGowan's property and they hope to establish a timeline of what's occurred on the property.

Bob Hanvey said he received a call from Manny Kianicki regarding Sunridge Phase 3, who asked if there would be any objection to having fewer units and septic systems rather than connecting to the sewer. Dan Lowe said there are a lot of springs out there. No objections were heard.

Tammy Beal said the disc golf course is being reconfigured and any volunteers are covered by the township's insurance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Forrest Wyckoff, 3145 Cedar Lake Rd., asked about the access for HVM Phase III. Bob Hanvey said they would use the existing boulevard entrance, and that they're building 73 homes instead of 94. Mr. Wyckoff also said they did a good job with the last dust control application.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:35 pm. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date