

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2024**

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

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

Dave Gajda, 444 Newberry Lane, was present to discuss Francis Road. He said the dust covers his deck and condo, and he has cracks in his ceilings from vibration from large trucks. He would like the board to consider paving Francis Road from D-19 to Elk Run. He also expressed an interest in having walking paths along D-19.

Steve Phillips, 1851 Fox Ridge Drive, was also present regarding Francis Road. He stated he would be willing to survey residents in the area to determine their level of interest in establishing a special assessment district for 124 homes. Bob Hanvey said there is a formal process for a petition and asked Mr. Phillips to contact him.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

2024 MARION TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS

Scott Lloyd said he drove Peavy Road, Jewell Road, and County Farm. He said Peavy is the worst, Jewell isn't too bad. Les Andersen said that County Farm has long linear cracks toward the center of the lanes. He also thought Jewell Road could be pushed to 2025.

Les Andersen motioned to have the Livingston County Road Commission provide cost estimates for chip seal for Peavy Road from Mason Road to the end of the pavement; double chip seal for Norton Road from Burkhart to County Farm Road; double chip seal for Jewell Road from Cedar Lake Road to County Farm Road; and cost estimates for Francis Road ditching and gravel, and ditching for East Davis Road. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

HALL USE POLICY

Item #6 regarding recording equipment will be removed. Les Andersen motioned to approve the hall use policy as recommended by the Clerk. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

SEWER USAGE RATE INCREASE

Bob Hanvey said he hasn't yet received the billing for the fourth quarter. No action on this item at this time.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Updated drafts of the Nuisance Ordinance and Penalty Ordinance are included in the packet. Bob Hanvey said he would like more detail on the process for a show cause hearing. He would also like a clear distinction between the zoning administrator and code enforcement. The board members agreed that complaint forms can be submitted anonymously. Dan Lowe said he would like more information on what the complaints are, not just the complaint report that the board receives monthly. It was suggested that the actual complaint form be included in the board packets. Bob Hanvey also said that Item 4.3.6 needs to be defined.

LAND ACQUISITION FUND FY 2023-24

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to amend the General Fund budget to transfer \$50,000 to the Land Acquisition Fund. Sandy Donovan seconded. Discussion: Dan Lowe asked if the money will be restricted to land acquisition; Bob Hanvey said it's not a restricted fund. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

MARION TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE

Tammy Beal updated the board members on the building project. Dan Lowe asked why the front counter wasn't painted instead of replacing; Scott Lloyd said they didn't recommend painting it. The board members discussed the project's budget.

FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING DATE

Tammy Beal asked the board member if the February 8 meeting should be rescheduled to February 6 because the supervisor can't attend on February 8. The board members decided to leave the meeting as originally scheduled.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Tammy Beal asked Phil Westmoreland for the status of the walking path project. He said he will have bid information early next week.

Dan Lowe mentioned the bill that just passed regarding local control for solar projects and said that petitions should be available next week.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:29 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date