

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2023**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Scott Lloyd

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney John Gormley; Phil Westmoreland and Elsie Jorgensen, Spicer

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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**

Tim Ryan, 459 E. Davis Road, handed out a photo and read a statement about his neighbor's property where he believes a business is being conducted.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Sandy Donovan added #11--Process for IT Repairs. Les Andersen wanted to talk about the MTA statement about extra compensation for the Clerk.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Dan Lowe seconded. **Motion carried.**

**FY 2022-2023 AUDIT PRESENTATION--KEN PALKA FROM PFEFFER, HANNIFORD & PALKA**

Ken Palka explained the two letters that were included in the audit review. He said that the Officials and Staff were very helpful during the audit and the township receives an "A+". He explained the different funds and said that the General Fund ended up with almost \$4.6 million. Supervisor Hanvey asked about the new drain assessment, should the township pay it off right away or pay it over 15 years. Ken said we could pay it off right away, but he will investigate it.

Greg Durbin motioned to accept the FY Audit for 2022-2023 and allow Auditor Ken Palka to file it with the State, Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Les Andersen made a motion to pay the Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka Accounting firm \$22,535.00 for the completion of the FY 2022-2023 audit. Roll call vote: Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Beal, Hanvey—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

### **LESA SUMMER TAX AGREEMENT**

Les Andersen made a Resolution to accept the LESA Summer Tax Agreement, Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey—all yes. **Resolution passed 6-0.**

### **HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER TAX AGREEMENT**

Les Andersen made a Resolution to accept the Howell Public Schools Summer Tax Agreement, Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Durbin, Beal, Lowe, Hanvey, Donovan—all yes. **Resolution passed 6-0.**

### **MARION TOWNSHIP WALKING PATH**

The Spicer Group Representatives Phil Westmoreland and Elsie Jorgensen presented the plans for the proposed one-mile walking path. It will be an eight foot (8') wide asphalted path with a 21AA crushed limestone base with two foot (2') graduated edges. Supervisor Hanvey would like to see it be only one (1) kilometer in length with no zigzags.

Les Andersen made a motion to have the Spicer Group bid the project both one (1) mile in length and one (1) kilometer in length with no zigzags. Seconded by Tammy Beal. Roll call vote: Hanvey, Durbin, Beal, Lowe, Donovan, Andersen—all yes. **Motion passed 6-0.**

### **MARION TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE**

Tammy Beal updated the board members on the project. Meeting room is being painted this week, kitchen cabinets and permanent board table are coming on Monday, and carpet is being installed the end of next week.

### **OZONE STATION**

The Ozone station was purchased to help reduce the odors for the Howell sewer treatment plant. It was never attached properly so it was never used. Howell City is planning a loop road with a bridge in that area, they would like us to move it. Supervisor Hanvey will investigate an outlet to sell it.

### **SIERRA DRIVE LIGHT ISSUE**

Supervisor Hanvey explained the light issue between neighbors on Sierra Drive. Several Trustees have driven by there at night, and they don't see that there is any light shining on to the neighbor's property. Les Andersen made a motion to table this item until the January 11, 2024, Board of Trustee meeting, Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

### **NOVEMBER 13, 2023 ZBA REPORT**

Dan Lowe reported that a resident on 1687 Triangle Lake Road asked for a variance to build a roof over his porch, the variance was granted.

### **PROCESS FOR IT REPAIRS**

Sandy Donovan explained that two days this week our hard drive was down, we couldn't access our files and would like to have the township come up with a plan so that this doesn't happen again. Supervisor Hanvey said he would contact our VC3 (the township's IT company) and get some options from them.

**CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES**

Miechiels Auto Salvage has been storing vehicles and millings on township property. After Mr. Gormley sent them a letter, everything was removed and cleaned up.

The I-96 rest area drain field has failed; they are now going to hook up with the City of Howell and should be reopened in February.

The residents on Sexton Road that look as if they are running a business came in this week with a zoning application, they were given a site plan review application instead and were told that they would have to go to the Planning Commission.

Resident Tim Ryan, 459 E. Davis Road, explained the traffic, lights, and noises that Sharpe's Outdoor Services were making. Attorney Gormley answered questions that he had.

Les Andersen said that he received an email from the MTA about how to compensate the Clerk for the extra work that proposal 22-2 has created.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No response.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:14 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: T. Beal

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk      Date

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Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor      Date