

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 9, 2020**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Phil Westmoreland, Spicer; Dave Hamann, Zoning Administrator

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**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**

Zack Zurek, 5067 Mason Rd., was present to discuss the language on the back of the summer tax bill. He feels the use of “Wuhan” virus is not appropriate and is politically charged. COVID-19 is the official name, and the WHO guidelines are to not name something like this based on its place of origin because it results in discrimination. He feels that an apology should be issued.

Nancy Stebbing, 3481 Prescott Dr., said the tax bill is an official document from the township, and she feels that it was either done out of ignorance or an intent to provoke. She feels it was completely unprofessional, it calls the township’s judgment into question, and she is concerned that other official documents are being sent with inappropriate language. She said the comment was racist and politically partisan.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Items #9—Harger Cemetery Tree and #10—Catholic Charities were added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**LISA MAHER AGREEMENT**

Les Andersen motioned to approve the easement agreement as presented and authorize the clerk and supervisor to sign the document. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

## **HOMETOWN MATTER**

No new information on this item.

## **MARION D-19 SPECIAL USE DRIVE-IN ESTABLISHMENT**

Todd Lekander was present to ask for the board's approval for a special use permit. A letter from ACE Civil Engineering is included with the packet which addresses some issues the Planning Commission had with the site plan. Duane Stokes asked if the Planning Commission has approved the site plan; Mr. Lekander said no, not yet. Dan Lowe said he will not approve anything until the drainage issue is settled. Mr. Lekander said he is willing to grant an easement, but also provided a drawing with an alternative which would keep everything on the mini-storage property. Bob Hanvey said the board can include conditions on a special use permit. He also said the process calls for the board to postpone action until the site plan is done.

Greg Durbin motioned to postpone this item until the site plan is finalized. Duane Stokes seconded.  
**Motion carried.**

## **TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT**

Phil Westmoreland said he's reached out to Haslock, Joe Vellardita, and TLS and has had no response yet.

## **CROWN CASTLE PROPOSAL**

The township attorney had some issues with the agreement, outlined in the packet. Bob Hanvey said he feels the time payment option is better. Crown Castle has also proposed that they act as the "leasing agent" for new co-locators and pay the township 30%. They would also like an additional 1000 square feet of lease area. The board members agreed to let them have 1000 square feet in the SW corner. Bob Hanvey will have the changes put into a new document and send to the attorney for review.

## **ZBA REPORT**

Dan Lowe reported there are two cases at the July 6, 2020 ZBA meeting; both were tabled so the owner could provide additional information. The ZBA members discussed that in order for them to clearly understand a variance request, the application packet should include an example of a plot plan or drawing to be included with the variance request.

## **HARGER CEMETERY TREE**

Dan Lowe said he probably wouldn't take the whole tree down, just cut out the dead wood. The township will get estimates for both removing the entire tree or just taking down a portion and cleaning it up. The three companies mentioned were Mark's tree service, Russell's tree service, and Dave's tree service.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Duane Stokes motioned to allow Livingston County Catholic Charities to use the basement for the Christmas food drive from 11/23/20 through 12/21/20. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES**

Les Andersen said he saw a garbage truck in another community putting both rubbish and recycling in the same truck.

Bob Harvey passed out the court schedule for Witkowski. Les Andersen said there was an interesting article in the June 2020 edition of the MTA Focus magazine on page 34 that related to this case. The board members agreed they would all attend the meeting for the mediation on Tuesday, August 11 at 9 am.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No response.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:54 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk      Date

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Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor      Date