

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2020**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Nancy and Roger Lyke introduced themselves and said their daughter, Kristina Lyke (R), who is running for election to the U.S. House to represent Michigan's 8th Congressional District in the August 4th primary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items #9—Engine Braking, #10—Esper Lease, #11—Crystalwood Roads, and #12—Site Plan Landscaping were added to the agenda. Duane Stokes motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

HOWELL SEWER REPRESENTATIVES

The board members reviewed the current draft of the proposed agreement; Dennis Perkins, attorney for the City of Howell, will incorporate the changes and provide the board with a final draft for review and approval at the next meeting. The Howell City Council will vote on March 23. Bob Hanvey has asked the township attorney to review and comment by Monday, March 16.

Mike Arens, CIRAB representative, Erv Suida and Mike Spidler from the City of Howell were present to answer any questions the board members may have. Mr. Arens said the existing agreement doesn't mention non-capacity related improvements and the essence of the new agreement is the cost sharing. A spreadsheet showing the break down of costs and an amortization schedule were passed out.

Dan Lowe asked about the life span of these improvements; Mr. Ahrens said not less than the bond payment schedule.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT

Bob Hanvey passed out the budget to actual report; line item 6446-806—Road Maintenance will need to be changed. He will update and present at the next meeting.

DUST CONTROL BIDS

Les Andersen motioned to select Chloride Solutions for 2020 dust control and authorize the clerk to sign the contract. Scott Lloyd seconded. Motion carried. Tammy Beal will talk with Tim Johnson about testing the product that's being used.

ROADS

An email between Phil Westmoreland and Jodie Tedesco of the LCRC was included in the packet. The plan is for maintenance on Burkhart Road in 2021. The estimate for wedge and overlay and base repair on Schafer Road is \$450,000, with the LCRC contributing 30%, up to \$100,000. Dan Lowe said he would rather fix the bad spots and chip seal it. Mr. Westmoreland estimated the cost for that to be about \$165,000.

Dan Lowe motioned to patch the bad areas and have two chip seal applications on Schafer Road. Scott Lloyd seconded. Discussion: Les Andersen said he would vote no because the board already approved the wedge and overlay. Tammy Beal asked how long the wedge and overlay would last; Mr. Westmoreland estimated 10 years. Roll call vote: Lowe—yes; Lloyd—yes; Beal—no; Hanvey—yes; Durbin—yes; Andersen—no; Stokes—no. **Motion carried 4-3.**

Scott Lloyd said the township should consider gravel for some of the dirt roads. Tammy Beal suggested Cedar Lake Road south of Coon Lake Road, Francis and/or Keddle. Dan Lowe asked the status of fixing the hill on Cedar Lake Road near Love's Creek; Mr. Westmoreland said he's finalizing the estimate.

PARKING LOT REPAIR

Phil Westmoreland will provide the board with estimates for this project. Dan Lowe suggested that he and Phil shoot the grades to figure out where the water's going.

HALL PAINTING

Les Andersen motioned to accept the bid from Beal Painting for \$1875. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Stokes, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

ENGINE BRAKING

A proposed sign is included in the packet. Mr. Hanvey said the sheriff's department has said the township would need a contract with them for enforcement, not just for engine braking, but any nuisance-related situations. The cost is \$65 per hour with a four-hour minimum.

Les Andersen motioned to approve funds for the signs, as presented, and Bob Hanvey and Greg Durbin will meet with the enforcement people for additional information. Dan Lowe seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Durbin, Stokes, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

ESPER LEASE

Greg Durbin motioned to authorize this agreement with the same provisions as last year if the property is not purchased. Duane Stokes seconded. Discussion: Les Andersen said it should be clear that the township and/or buyer will not pay for crop damages. **Motion carried.**

Les Andersen motioned to extend the meeting beyond 9:30 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CRYSTALWOOD ROADS

There is a meeting scheduled for the Crystalwood HOA on April 1, 7 pm at the township hall, to discuss public versus private roads and SAD options. The Crystalwood Estates HOA can either have the company doing Rick Elkow’s roads do the work, get bids on their own or the Township engineer can prepare a bid packet and advertise for bids.

SITE PLAN LANDSCAPING

Dan Lowe said no one is checking the landscape plans on the township’s behalf; for example, Crystalwood and Mugg and Bopps. He said the eight-foot trees should have been planted in Crystalwood in 2000; he feels that they should now have to plant 12 ft. trees. He also said the berms in Marion Oaks should be done before any building takes place, and certificates of occupancy should be withheld until the landscaping is done or an adequate amount is deposited in an escrow account. Bob Harvey said he will discuss with the attorney and Bill Rogers to see how Genoa Township handles similar issues.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The June trial date for the wedding barn situation has been postponed for 90 days.

Tammy Beal provided results from the March 10 election.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Bruce Powelson, 3466 Pingree, said he feels that the clerk should have abstained from voting on the hall painting item.

ADJOURNMENT

Duane Stokes motioned to adjourn at 10 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor Date