

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Lloyd, Bob Harvey, Tammy Beal, Les Andersen, Dan Lowe, Sandy Donovan, and Greg Durbin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Harvey called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Several members of the audience asked the board to consider hiring Michael Homier as a legal consultant, have the solar overlay moved to light industrial zoning, questions about the wellhead protection area, questions about where the power generated would go, extending the moratorium, rezoning, improving the PA system, etc.

Bob Harvey asked those who have comments about how they would like the ordinance to read to please send an email to masterplan@mariontownship.com. He stated that the ordinance has to be written in such a way that it is supportable. He also explained that this is not a rezoning, it is an overlay district and the current zoning would remain in place.

CLOSED SESSIONS

Sandy Donovan made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to go into a closed session to discuss the opinion of our attorney, per MCL 15.268 (h) on Solar Energy issues, seconded by Greg Durbin. Roll call vote: Donovan, Durbin, Harvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Sandy Donovan made a motion at 9:29 p.m. to come out of closed session, seconded by Les Andersen. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Sandy Donovan made a motion at 9:30 p.m. to go into a closed session to discuss the opinion of our attorney, per MCL 15.268 (h) on Howell City REU issues, seconded by Tammy Beal. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Harvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Sandy Donovan made a motion at 10:30 p.m. to come out of closed session, seconded by Les Andersen. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Les Andersen made a motion to hold the next Regular Marion Township Board of Trustee meeting at Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road on Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 pm for two items only—Consent Agenda and Winterwood SAD (this item was already posted/published) and to then go directly to Parker Middle School, 400 Wright Road to conduct the Marion Township Solar Ordinance Town Hall meeting from 8-10 pm, seconded by Scott Lloyd. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Sandy Donovan made a motion to hire Attorney Michael Homier from Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith PC as consultant for Marion Township's Solar Ordinance, seconded by Dan Lowe. Roll call vote: Hanvey, Lowe, Durbin, Beal, Lloyd, Donovan, Andresen—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Sandy Donovan motioned to adjourn at 10:31 pm., Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date