

DRAFT

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2024**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Westmoreland – Spicer Group

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley – Township Attorney

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

Nancy Manson resides at 3346 W. Coon Lake Road. Nancy Manson expressed her concern about the lack of playground equipment within Marion Township. She attended a Board Meeting two months ago and expressed the same concerns.

Jason Woolford is running for State Representative and introduced himself.

Anthony Longoria resides at 3724 Pinckney Road. Anthony explained that he would like the Livingston County Road Commission to stop using brine when treating the roads for dust control. He is concerned about contamination to our water source. Anthony Longoria mentioned the increased budget amounts on page 44 under *Unallocated expenditures*. He explained that in 2022-2023 fiscal year the Township spent \$106,484 and for the current 2023-2024 fiscal year the Township has spent \$937,999. Anthony would like to know the reason for this increase. (Bob Hanvey addresses this concern under “*Allocation Budget*” on page 2.) Anthony also wanted to discuss the school bus stops along D19.

Kelly Waite resides at 1282 Morning Mist Drive. Kelly would like to receive an update on the paving of Francis Road.

Steve Phillips resides at 1851 Fox Ridge Drive. Steve would like to receive an update on the paving of Francis Road.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tammy Beal added item #12 *High Meadows Complaint* to the agenda. Les Andersen added item #13 *Non-Conforming Lots* to the agenda. Les Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

DRAFT

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

FINAL REVIEW TXT #02-23 WELLHEAD PROTECTION OVERLAY

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the proposed Wellhead Protection Zoning Ordinance (TXT #02-23) and Overlay map, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Donovan, Beal, Durbin, Lloyd, Hanvey – YES, Lowe - NO. **Resolution passed 6-1.**

2024 MARION TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS

DAVIS ROAD

Dan Lowe stated that Davis Road needs some repairs.

Dan Lowe motioned to accept the estimate from the Livingston County Road Commission for “*ditching and tree removal*” on Davis Road, from D19 to Fisk Road for \$61,000. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Donovan, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe - YES. **Motion carried 7-0.**

FRANCIS ROAD

John Gormley is concerned about the residents that potentially vote against having a Special Assessment for paving Francis Road. Gormley’s two main concerns are the proportionality for each resident and the increased assessment not matching the increased value.

Steve Phillips resides at 1851 Fox Ridge Drive. Steve explained that the Township should pay to have Francis Road paved, instead of paying for the new Marion Township Walking Path.

Les Andersen motioned to accept the estimate from the Livingston County Road Commission for “*surface gravel, limited drainage and tree work*” on Francis Road, from D19 to Fisk Road for \$127,000. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd - YES. **Motion carried 7-0.**

FRANCIS ROAD PAVING

Les Andersen motioned to remove “Francis Road” from the agenda and take no further action. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

ALLOCATION BUDGET

Bob Hanvey explained that the increased budget amount on page 44 under “*Unallocated expenditures*”, is due to the recent building renovations for the Township office and Assembly Hall.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Bob Hanvey said the documents in the packet are for informational purposes.

PDR MILLAGE

Tammy Beal explained that she thought we were going to go for a ½ a mil. Bob said that these numbers can be changed.

Anthony Longoria resides at 3724 Pinckney Road. Anthony explained that housing developers are destroying the township and he would like to encourage the Board to purchase development rights in order to preserve land.

DRAFT

John Gormley encouraged the Board to look at his review on PDR millages in a closed session meeting before making a decision on a millage.

Les Andersen motioned to postpone action on this item until after the Trustees review and discuss John Gormley's PDR Millage review letter, during a closed session meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:30pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

ZBA APPOINTMENTS

Les Andersen motioned to reappoint Larry Fillingner to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another term, ending 12/2026. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Greg Durbin motioned to reappoint Diane Bockhausen to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another term, ending 12/2026. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Les Andersen motioned to reappoint Linda Manson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another term, ending 12/2026. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

GIS ORTHO PHOTOS

Tammy Beal motioned to participate with the County GIS Ortho project and not to exceed \$2,000. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd, Durbin - YES. **Motion carried 7-0.**

MARION TOWNSHIP WALKING PATH

Dan Lowe motioned to go with the shorter and straighter walking path proposed by Joe Raica Excavating for \$467,902 (\$394,076 for path / \$73,826 to pave gravel driveway), and the extra money should go towards new playground equipment for our Township Park. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Durbin, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen, Beal, Hanvey - YES. **Motion carried 7-0.**

HIGH MEADOWS COMPLAINT

Tammy Beal stated that a resident called the office today to file a complaint about the condition of her neighbor's property. This same lady called a year ago and the issue is still not resolved. Tammy said there are nine cars, a storage container and bus in the yard of this property.

John Gormley stated that according to our ordinance, the only thing we can do right now is bring them in for a show cause hearing or ask them to clean up their property.

Tammy Beal explained that there are two other properties within the township that are in a similar condition. One property is on D-19 across from the Harger Cemetery and the other property is on D-19 in front of Parker School.

Tammy Beal stated that Dave Hamann recently sent out letters to these residents and we will continue waiting for their response.

NON-CONFORMING LOTS

Les Andersen stated that Dave Hamann was working with someone to create language that prevents non-conforming lots.

John Gormley said that we should create a Lot-Split Ordinance.

Bob Hanvey said that he will work on this with Dave Hamann, Zach Michels and John Gormley.

DRAFT

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Bob Hanvey met with the City of Howell Board of Review and we will be going to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Tammy Beal said the Township Shred Event is next Saturday, April 27th 10am-1pm.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Anthony Longoria resides at 3724 Pinckney Road. Anthony inquired about which property is being discussed with City of Howell.

Kristina Lyke is running for State Representative and introduced herself.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:24pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: J. Timberlake

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date