

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Fenton, Scott Lloyd, Dan Lowe, Les Andersen, Tammy Beal, Jim Witkowski, and Sandy Donovan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Fenton 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

Jay Drick, Chairman of Livingston County Commission, shared the 2024 Livingston County Annual Report with the board members, and talked about the two new fire stations that are planned.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSUMER ENERGY FRANCHISE

Mindy Bradish Orta, Community Affairs Manager for Consumers, was present for this agenda item and to answer any questions. At the township's request, the terms of the agreement have been changed from 30 years to 15 years. Dan Lowe expressed concerns about the gas lines being in the ditch line; Ms. Orta said they are required to be in the road right-of-way, although there are no current plans at this time.

Bill Fenton motioned to approve the Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Donovan, Witkowski, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Les Andersen motioned to adopt the Utility-Scale Solar Energy Facilities ordinance, as presented. Bill Fenton seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Les Andersen motioned to adopt the Utility-Scale Wind Energy Conversion Facilities ordinance, as presented. Bill Fenton seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Jim Anderson, Planning Commissioner, said the board should again approve the Battery ordinance as the attorney made some changes. Bill Fenton motioned to adopt the Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Facilities ordinance, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Lowe, Witkowski, Beal, Lloyd, Donovan, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the General Fund budget amendments, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Witkowski, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen, Beal, Fenton—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATES

Les Andersen motioned to approve the Employee Handbook updates, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Donovan, Witkowski, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

HOWELL RECREATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Tammy Beal said the agreement currently in place expires at the end of April. The new agreement would be valid through the end of December 2025. Sandy Donovan motioned to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with HAPRA, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Bill Fenton updated the board members on the zoning administrator position.

Tammy Beal said the township's large-item pickup is scheduled for April 19 from 9 am-1 pm and volunteers are needed.

Les Andersen feels the township should consider the offer received for the Lucy Road property. He also shared information from the recent MTA conference on free rentals of the township hall, meeting pay, off-road vehicles on roads, dispensaries, and personal electronic devices.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date