

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2024**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer (online)

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

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #11—Sewer Pump Station Repairs was added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

GALE SHOW CAUSE HEARING REVIEW/MILLER SHOW CAUSE HEARING REVIEW

Tammy Beal reported that she and Sandy Donovan drove by both sites. Progress has been made on the Miller property, although there is still more to be removed. The Gale property has made a little progress, but the RV has not been moved. Les Andersen said in Iosco Township, they worked with Corrigan to remove a similar vehicle. Sandy Donovan motioned to close both of these agenda items. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

HAPRA

Tim Church, Executive Director of HAPRA, was present to ask for the board's support to keep the current agreement intact. The millage proposal will be on the November ballot.

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to approve continuation of services with the Howell Area Park and Recreation Authority, as presented. Bob Hanvey seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Donovan, Beal, Durbin, Lloyd, Hanvey, Lowe—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

HIDDEN VALLEY PARCEL

Scott Lloyd said he would not support purchasing the parcel; Les Andersen agreed. Mr. Ross asked when he could protest the assessment; Bob Hanvey said in March. The special assessment on this parcel expires in a few years.

Scott Lloyd motioned to decline the offer to purchase the vacant parcel on Hidden Valley. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

WINTERWOOD DRIVE SAD ADJUSTMENT

Phil Westmoreland from Spicer attended the meeting remotely. He is confident that the prices from DeBottis includes everything, but there are contingencies built in to the contract. Phil will know the amount for the patching next week.

Les Andersen motioned to postpone this item until the next meeting. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

Tim Ryan, 459 E. Davis Rd., worked on creating the job description, and spoke to the board about enforcing the ordinance in a fair and consistent manner. Greg Durbin said he has years of experience working with the township as a member of the board, the Planning Commission and ZBA. He said he has 40 years of experience in law enforcement and would be willing to work on enforcement issues once his term as trustee is over.

Bob Hanvey said that Article 4 of the zoning ordinance will have to be revised and would like the attorney to assist with that.

Tammy Beal motioned to have the treasurer work on revising the job description and bring it to the next meeting. Bob Hanvey seconded. **Motion carried 6-1 (Andersen—no.)**

PFEFFER, HANNIFORD & PALKA ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Sandy Donovan motioned to accept the engagement letter from Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Donovan, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE/WALKING PATH SIGNS/CEMETERY FENCES

Tammy Beal updated the board members on the progress at the two parks. She also said she received an estimate of \$2,300 from Handy Fence in Fowlerville for the cemetery fences. There are ten walking path signs that need to be installed. Scott Lloyd offered to put up the signs; Les Andersen said he would help. Tammy will get U-shaped posts for the signs. Phil Westmoreland said he will look at the crosswalk for possible striping. Tammy Beal asked him about striping the driveway to the gazebo to separate it from the walking path. Spicer is donating a sign with a diagram of the walking path. Tammy Beal said she called Four Seasons about removing the trees on the walking path and near the playset, but hasn't received a price yet. New cameras have been installed and the new hand-held microphone was installed; she hasn't received a price yet for the meeting room camera.

SEWER PUMP STATION REPAIRS

Bob Hanvey passed out an email from Scott Reece, WWTP Operations Manager for the Howell City, along with a quote from DuBois-Cooper for \$7,235. Tammy Beal motioned to authorize the City of Howell to accept the quote from DuBois-Cooper and make the necessary repairs, as presented. Scott Lloyd

seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Dan Lowe asked about the status of the Sexton Road situation; Bob Hanvey said the attorney has prepared the documents, but they haven't been filed yet. Dan asked if the property owner on High Meadows had been given the violation notice. Bob Hanvey said the post office has not returned the certified letter receipt or the proof of mailing. He talked with a company from Jackson that will serve the notice. Dan also asked if the property on Foxfire had been sent a violation notice.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Lisa Kirk, 2935 High Meadows, asked for clarification on the status of the High Meadows situation.

Kayla Trapp, 4055 W. Coon Lake Road, suggested some options for sending violation notices.

Pat Macaluso, 4875 Pinckney Road, also commented on difficulties with the post office.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date