

MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2025

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

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #8—Moratorium was added to the agenda. Tammy Beal motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried**.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Steve Ott, 366 Brighton Road, was present to discuss the condition of Brighton Road and to ask the board to consider some improvements.

LAKE LOCHMOOR SAD ROLL CREATION PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Donovan motioned to open the public hearing. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0**.

With no objections being heard, Sandy Donovan motioned to close the public hearing. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried**.

Sandy Donovan motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the roll for the Lake Lochmoor Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Fenton—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**.

PFEFFER, HANNIFORD & PALKA PC CONTRACT

Ken Palka was present to thank the board for the opportunity and to answer any questions. Tammy Beal motioned to accept and sign the contract from Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka for fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028, as

presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Lowe, Witkowski, Beal, Lloyd, Donovan, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

LIABILITY INSURANCE PRESENTATION

Jon Johnson from Acrisure was present to review the proposal of coverage for 2026.

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the MTPP premium for \$98,022, and Cyber Coverage proposal for \$2,946.25, for a total of \$100,968.25, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Witkowski, Lloyd, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

LESA 2026 TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT

Sandy Donovan motioned to accept and sign the LESA summer tax collection agreement, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Witkowski, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen, Beal, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

KEEPING OF CHICKENS DISCUSSION

Jim Witkowski said that Section 6.02 of the ordinance only allows chickens on lots two acres or greater. Many municipalities allow “backyard chickens”, and feels the ordinance is too restrictive.

The board members discussed whether the current zoning ordinance should be modified and a new one should be developed.

Sandy Donovan motioned to draw a line in the sand, get a canned ordinance and modify it to fit the township's needs. Tammy Beal seconded. Discussion: Bill Fenton said that would entail putting a committee together to work on that. John Gormley suggested that the township put together a set of criteria and solicit bids. Roll call vote: Lowe—no; Lloyd—no; Beal—yes; Donovan—yes; Witkowski—yes; Andersen—no; Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 4-3.**

Les Andersen motioned to create a committee that doesn't include the supervisor, clerk or treasurer. Dan Lowe seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy Beal motioned that the committee would include Jim Witkowski, Jim Anderson, Scott Richardson, Larry Fillinger, and Dean Blanchard. Bill Fenton seconded. **Motion carried 6-1 (Andersen—no.)**

MORATORIUM

Sandy Donovan motioned to adopt a resolution to extend the temporary moratorium on Special Use Permits, Condominium Developments and/or Planned Unit Developments through March 12, 2026, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Fenton—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The attorney rates are increasing for 2026.

Bill Fenton and John Gormley updated the board on the Smith cases.

Dan Lowe asked the attorney if he had reviewed the MHOG contract yet; the attorney said no.

The Livingston County master plan draft is available for review and comment.

Bill Fenton asked the board members to start thinking about roads that need attention for discussion at the next meeting.

Scott Lloyd asked about the abandoned tires; Bill Fenton said Mitch Harris is supposed to take care of them.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Sandy Donovan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date