

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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; Scott Richardson, Zoning Administrator

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Drick, Vice Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, presented the board member with the 2025 annual report.

Mark Gatesman introduced himself to the board members as a candidate for judge of the 44th circuit court.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MONTHLY UPDATE

Scott Richardson updated the board members on the past month's activities. A meeting to work on the RFQ is scheduled for next week. An online complaint form is now available on the website.

APPROVAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND MORATORIUM REQUEST

Bill Fenton motioned, for Section 17.21 Multiple-family Site Condominium D #5 and #6, to change the word "lot" to "site". Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried 6-1** (Witkowski—no.).

Bill Fenton motioned, for Section 13.03 L 2, to add 2.1 that emergency entrances will be maintained for snow and brush. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried 5-2** (Lowe and Witkowski—no.).

Bill Fenton motioned, for Section 1721 D #14, to add 14.1 that emergency entrances will be maintained for snow and brush. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried 5-2** (Lowe and Witkowski—no.).

Sandy Donovan motioned, for Section 6.20 B 1, to take out the reference to the Livingston County Road Commission, to read as follows: *private roads shall meet all applicable township ordinances at the time of application*. Bill Fenton seconded. **Motion carried 4-3** (Lowe, Witkowski, Andersen—no).

Dan Lowe motioned, for Section 6.20 C 3 a, to change it to 22A road gravel or 21A limestone and remove two (2) courses. Bill Fenton seconded. **Motion carried 7-0**.

Dan Lowe motioned, for Section 6.20 C 2, the roadway should be at least twenty (20) feet, not sixteen (16) feet. Bill Fenton seconded. **Motion carried 7-0**.

Dan Lowe motioned, for Sections 6.20 D 1 b and E 3 b, that the width should be 66 feet instead of 60 feet. Bill Fenton seconded. **Motion carried 7-0**.

Dan Lowe motioned, for Section 6.20 E 9, to remove item d regarding open ditches. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried 7-0**.

Bill Fenton motioned that Section 6.17 C 3 should read as follows: *All new land uses and land development projects within the Urban Residential District or Highway Service District, as delineated in the Marion Township Master Plan, must be serviced by a municipal sewerage treatment and water supply if the infrastructure abuts the property in question*. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried 7-0**.

Bill Fenton motioned to adopt the proposed ordinance amendments with the above changes. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe—yes; Lloyd—yes; Beal—yes; Donovan—yes; Witkowski—no; Andersen—yes; Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 6-1**.

Jim Witkowski motioned to enact a moratorium on hyper data centers which the attorney will prepare for the next meeting. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried 7-0**.

MARION TOWNSHIP ROADS

Two estimates were received from the LCRC for Francis Road and Brighton Road. The clerk will check on what work was done on Francis Road in 2024.

Les Andersen motioned to accept the estimate from the Livingston County Road Commission for improvement on Brighton Road from D-19 to the township line for \$145,000, as presented. Bill Fenton seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0**.

PROPOSAL FROM GORSKI HAULING ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Tammy Beal motioned to accept the proposal from Gorski Hauling for \$3,750 for roadside cleanup. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0**.

APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR PEAVY ROAD LIFT STATION PUMP REPLACEMENT

Dan Lowe said the pump that DuBois-Cooper is recommending is obsolete. Bill Fenton said he will reach out to them on Monday.

REVIEW OF MAINTENANCE CONCERNS BY HOWELL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Information on maintenance that needs to be done was received from the City of Howell. No action required at this time.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RULES/POLICY

The board members discussed the following changes to the proposed rules/policy document:

1. The attorney recommended adding the following language for special meetings: *A special meeting shall be called by the Board Clerk upon request of the Supervisor, or an four (4) members of the Board, with at least 18 hours notice to each member of the Board and posting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act both by Board Clerk or his or her designee. The notices shall state the purpose of the meeting. No official action shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Board unless the item has been stated in the notice of such meeting.*
2. Under Recording Meetings, #2 should be changed from *tapes* to *recordings*.
3. In the Board of Trustees with Staff section, remove item #6.
4. Township Board Relationship with Commissions, Committees, and other Groups: Correct spelling in #4 from *preform* to *perform*.

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the Board of Trustees Rules/Policy document with the above changes. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen—yes; Lowe—yes; Witkowski—no; Beal—yes; Lloyd—no; Donovan—yes; Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 5-2.**

Tammy Beal motioned to change the Call to the Public Policy to reflect three minutes for speakers. Bill Fenton seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The attorney updated the board members on the Gall and Smith cases.

Tim Church, HAPRA Executive Director, asked if the township would be interested in inclusive playground equipment and outdoor exercise equipment they received a grant for.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

 Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

 William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date