

MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2025

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Attorney; Phil Westmoreland, Spicer

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

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #5—Zoning Administrator Job Description was added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Tammy Beal said she received two preliminary estimates for construction of pickleball courts: one for two courts at \$130,500 and one for four courts at \$254,000. A township resident would like to donate the fund for two courts.

Dave Reader, a resident of Marion Township, said his family has a long history in Marion Township and Livingston County. His only request is that there be a designation of some sort to honor his family and his homesteader's family.

Bill Fenton motioned to approve installation of four pickleball courts at the Triangle Lake Park, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Discussion: Les Andersen asked Phil Westmoreland if Spicer will provide a plan for placement of the courts; Phil Westmoreland said yes. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Fenton, Witkowski, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

MARION TOWNSHIP ROADS

Bill Fenton said the board approved chip seal last March for Jewell, Peavy and Norton, The work wasn't done at that time, but the LCRC has assured him that it will be done this year; the cost approved was approximately \$130,000.

Scott Lloyd motioned that the township contribute \$100,000 for the Sexton Road project (County Farm to Peavy) and to ask the LCRC to cover the remainder of \$49,000 (ditching, tree trimming, etc.) Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Fenton, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Bill Fenton will get an estimate from the LCRC for Hinchey Road from the first 90 degree turn to Vines with a breakdown of the costs.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Les Andersen said the job posting doesn't include enforcement; Bill Fenton provided him with the full description that does include enforcement. It's been posted on Indeed, in the Fowlerville News & Views, on the township website, and Sandy Donovan said she sent the information to other treasurers.

Les also asked if the position will be salaried or hourly. There are some meetings that can be lengthy. Bill Fenton said the position will be hourly and a set amount for attending meetings after normal business hours.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Les Andersen said the Michigan Farm Bureau has stated that data processing facilities are going to become more prevalent. The township has an ordinance in place, but it may need to be worked on.

Dan Lowe asked for an update on the High Meadows dog situation. Bill Fenton said no complaint has been received; Dan Lowe said he will file one. Les Andersen said the township needs a new complaint for all of the junk too.

Bill Fenton said he's talked with the Pingree/Coon Lake property owners about removing the junk; he will revisit them.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date