

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2026**

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

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

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Scott Richardson reported on June's activities. Twelve permits were issued. A couple of storage container inquiries were received. Scott is waiting until the ordinance is done to take any action regarding existing storage containers. A preliminary work session will be held with the Livingston County Planning Department regarding hyperscale data center ordinance. Les Andersen voiced concerns regarding 2320 Pingree. The attorney suggested that Les contact him to discuss the situation.

DATA CENTER MORATORIUM

The board members would like to extend the moratorium for six months. The attorney will have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

MAYBERRY FARM LANE PRIVATE ROAD SITE PLAN

Les Andersen motioned to approve the private road application PR #01-26 for Mayberry Farm Lane, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

TOWNSHIP PLANNER

Martha Haglund and Scott Barb were present on behalf of the Livingston County Planning Department. The contract is being updated and will be voted on at the July 27 Livingston County Board of Commissioners meeting, with a proposed start date of August 1. Tammy Beal motioned to accept the contract from the Livingston County Planning Department subject to the township's attorney's review. Jim Witkowski seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe—yes; Lloyd—no; Beal—yes; Donovan—yes; Witkowski—yes; Andersen—no; Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 5-2.**

ENGINEERING FIRM

Proposals were received from three firms: Tetra-Tech, Wolverine and Wade Trim. Tammy Beal motioned to select Wade Trim for the township's engineering services. Bill Fenton seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan—yes; Witkowski---no; Lowe—no; Lloyd—yes; Beal—yes; Andersen—yes; Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 5-2.**

FRED BROWN DRIVEWAY PAVING

Bill Fenton said he hasn't received an updated contract from Allied, and hasn't received call backs. Scott Lloyd said he will reach out to Allied, and they should be able to start the project by the end of July.

ZBA REPORT

Jim Witkowski reported that the ZBA met on July 6 to hear a case on a rear yard setback; the ZBA postponed action for more information at the August 10 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The ozone station has been sold.

Bill Fenton asked board members to let the clerk know if they will not be attending a meeting.

Les Andersen asked the attorney about barns that are built with an ag exemption and how to prevent other uses.

Dan Lowe said an inquiry by a resident who wanted to purchase a portion of the township's property at Hometown Village should have been brought to the board.

Dan Lowe questioned the amount invoiced for the gravel around the concrete pad; he felt it was too much.

Jim Witkowski asked for an update on the Planning Commission vacancy. Bill Fenton said there were six inquiries; he's met with four of them so far and will meet with another next week. He will have a recommendation at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date