MARION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING JUNE 12, 2025

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Tracy Riley, 2765 Dutcher, was present to say she is collecting signatures for AXMITAX.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #8—Darakjian property 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. Roll call vote: Lowe, Beal, Donovan, Witkowski, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

APPLIED INNOVATIONS IT SERVICES PRESENTATION

Matt Cunningham from Applied Innovations presented a proposal from Applied Innovations to provide IT services and support to the township. The board members were given a copy of the proposal to consider, and this will be on a future agenda for action.

PROPERTY TAX ADMIN FEE RESOLUTION

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to impose a 1% property tax administration fee, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan—yes; Witkowski—yes; Lowe—no; Beal—yes; Andersen—yes; Fenton—yes. **Resolution passed 5-1**.

ZONING ORDINANCE MORATORIUM

Bill Fenton motioned to adopt a resolution establishing a temporary moratorium on special use permits, condominium developments and/or planned unit developments for 120 days. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Fenton—all yes. **Resolution passed 6-0**.

ZONING REPORT/ZBA RESOLUTION

Jim Witkowski updated the board members on the action taken at the May 29 ZBA meeting. The board members were provided with a copy of the resolution of determination for ZBA case #02-25. Jim Witkowski said the applicant has requested a refund of the fee paid for the ZBA case. Bill Fenton motioned to refund the \$400 ZBA fee paid by Kathy Acker. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Lowe, Witkowski, Beal, Donovan, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0**.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVIEW

A copy of the July 2024 through June 2025 budget vs. actual is included in the packet. Bill Fenton said he will present the FY 2025-26 budget at the next meeting.

DARAKJIAN PROPERTY

A copy of the purchase offer and the attorney's opinion was given to the board members. They discussed having a Phase 1 environmental study done. Bill Fenton motioned to adopt a resolution to have the attorney rewrite the offer and bring back to the next meeting. Les Andersen seconded. Discussion: Jim Witkowski asked if the board should consider including both of the parcels in the counter offer; after discussion, the board opted not to include the 30-acre parcel. Roll call vote: Donovan, Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Witkowski, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0**.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

A letter was received from the Michigan Department of Treasury indicating the township received a perfect score on the recent PA 660 audit.

A public hearing notice was received from the City of Howell about a request from Padnos to extend working hours.

A public notice was received from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) regarding work proposed by Motorsports Gateway.

Notification was received from Genoa Township of their intent to update the township's Master Plan and Recreation Plan.

Crown Castle informed the township that they have a sublease agreement on the cell tower which will result in revenue to the township of \$750 per month, beginning June 1.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 9:01 pm. Les Andersen seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date