

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 27, 2025**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: 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

Anthony Longoria commented on the Consumers Energy franchise, He said it's important to require infrastructure on an intercounty highway and it would benefit the township. He suggested a ten-year agreement rather than thirty years, and a franchise fee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #7—Assessor 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. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSUMER ENERGY FRANCHISE

Bill Fenton said this is a continuation of what is already in place, which expires in April.

Dan Lowe said they need to keep the mains out of the road right-of-way and ditches. He agrees that thirty years is too long.

Les Andersen said that the Livingston County Road Commission will approve utilities in the road right-of-way even if the township doesn't.

Dan Lowe motioned to send the agreement to the attorney for review. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

TOWNSHIP ROADS

An estimate was received from LCRC for Hinchey Road from Vines to 5118 Hinchey for \$150,000. Les Andersen said the Road Commission indicated they would not cost share on Sexton Road; he feels Sexton is the top priority and East Davis is the lowest. Tammy Beal reminded the board members that the chip and seal budgeted for last year for Peavy Road (M-155 to end of pavement), Jewell Road (Cedar Lake Road to County Farm Road), and Norton Road (Burkhart to County Farm Road) will be done this year.

Scott Lloyd motioned to accept the estimate from the Livingston County Road Commission for Sexton Road from County Farm to Peavy for \$149,000, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Fenton, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Dan Lowe said that Sexton Road west of D-19 to Peavy is in bad shape.

GORSKI TOWNSHIP ROAD CLEAN-UP

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

WALKING PATH STORY WALK

Some board members had concerns about having this story walk by the disk golf course and walking path. Tammy Beal will look at the Triangle Lake walking path area as a possibility.

ASSESSOR

Bill Fenton read a letter from the assessor stating her intention to retire effective May 30, 2025. Les Andersen motioned to accept the letter. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy Beal motioned to offer the assessor position to Matt Dedes at a rate of \$42 per hour, effective June 2, 2025. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Fenton, Lowe, Witkowski, Beal, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

HAPRA is hosting a teen flashlight egg hunt at the township hall on Saturday, April 12, 8:30-10 pm.

Tammy Beal asked Phil Westmoreland for an update on the pickleball courts. He said the bid opening will be July 1. Some board members expressed concern about noise.

Tammy Beal said a request was made to have a wedding ceremony in Lakeside Cemetery on July 11. Some board members thought that would be inappropriate. Tammy will wait to hear back from the couple.

Bill Fenton asked Jim Witkowski if he had talked with the racetrack owners about purchasing the Lucy Road property. Jim said the township should talk with some commercial brokers.

Bill Fenton updated the board members on the junk situation at Pingree & Coon Lake Rd.

Dan Lowe asked if anyone had filed for a ZBA case regarding Meadows North; Bill Fenton said yes, and it's been forward to the attorney.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date