

MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Les Andersen, Tammy Beal, Greg Durbin, Sandra Donovan, Scott Lloyd, Dan Lowe and Bob Hanvey

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

The board members introduced themselves.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments made by the public.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried 7-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. ROLL CALL: Andersen: yes; Donovan: yes; Beal: yes; Durbin: yes; Lloyd: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lowe: yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**

**PUBLIC HEARING - TRIANGLE LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT: RESOLUTION FOR TRIANGLE LAKE WEED CONTROL**

Open Public Hearing:

Joe Decker inquired about Triangle Lake's goose management and weed control being one special assessment, yet they are listed as separate items on this agenda.

Bob Hanvey stated that Triangle Lake's goose management and weed control are one special assessment but the State requires a separate resolution for the permit.

Close Public Hearing.

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the Special Assessment District for *Triangle Lake Aquatic Weed Management and Canadian Goose Control*, as presented. Sandra Donovan seconded. ROLL CALL: Durbin: yes; Donovan: yes; Bob Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes; Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Lowe: yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**

**RESOLUTION FOR TRIANGLE LAKE GOOSE MANAGEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

There were no comments made by the public.

Greg Durbin motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the permit for *Triangle Lake Canadian Goose Management* funded by the Special Assessment District, as presented. Sandra Donovan seconded. ROLL CALL: Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Donovan: yes; Durbin: yes; Lowe: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**

### **PUBLIC HEARING - RURIK, IRENE, OLYMPIA AND ADRIA DRIVE SNOW REMOVAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

Open Public Hearing:

There were no comments made by the public.

Close Public Hearing.

Greg Durbin motioned to adopt a resolution to create a Special Assessment District for the *Rurik, Irene, Olympia and Adria Drive Snow Removal*, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. ROLL CALL: Hanvey: yes; Lowe: yes; Durbin: yes; Beal: yes; Lloyd: yes; Donovan: yes; Andersen: yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**

### **RENEWABLE ENERGY UPDATE**

Bob Hanvey explained that the Board of Trustees had a special meeting on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, as requested by several residents. At the special meeting, the Trustees voted to join other jurisdictions in the appeal against the State of Michigan and also create trigger language for a renewable energy ordinance. Bob sent this request to the Attorney, Foster & Swift and we are still waiting for a response.

### **MARION TOWNSHIP ROADS: COUNTY FARM/SEXTON ROAD SPEED LIMIT**

Bob Hanvey stated the Livingston County Road Commission will be setting up radar units on County Farm and Sexton Road.

### **MARION TOWNSHIP HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the renewal for the Township's employee health insurance plan and continue funding the deductibles for full-time employees, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. ROLL CALL: Donovan: yes; Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Lowe: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes; Durbin: yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**

### **CRYSTAL WOOD TREES UPDATE**

Sandra Donovan explained that per the motion made at the last meeting, Peterson Tree Farm has planted three trees in the agreed upon location. Dan Lowe was not happy with this decision and stated that it is now too dry to plant trees.

Charles Doherty resides at 287 Wood Point and his property line is near these Crystal Wood lots. He requested that the Board postpone planting any more trees until the Spring. He also would like the Township to clear the dead trees before planting any trees.

Nancy Manson resides at 3346 West Coon Lake Road and asked why the Township was involved in planting trees.

Les Andersen explained that several years ago, a consent judgment was imposed by the courts and the developer. The developer placed money in a Township Escrow account, so the Township could plant a certain number of trees in a location that was to be determined by the Township.

Bob Hanvey suggested that Sandra Donovan contact Peterson Tree Farm and postpone planting any more trees for the time being.

Les Andersen made a motion to collect three bids for removing the dead trees and grinding the stumps on Dan Lowe's and Tim Sleeman's property, near lots 19 & 4 in Crystal Wood. Scott Lloyd seconded. Donovan: no; Lowe: abstained. **Motion carried 5-1**

### **RESOLUTION FOR TOWNSHIP BANKING INSTITUTIONS**

Les Andersen said that First National Bank needs to be changed to Bank of Ann Arbor.

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the Township's list of approved banking institutions, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. ROLL CALL: Donovan: yes; Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Lowe: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes; Durbin: yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**

### **HOWELL RECREATION MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Kyle Tokan explained the proposed Howell Recreation maintenance agreement. Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to accept the *Howell Recreation Maintenance Agreement* for \$750 a month through April, 2025, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. ROLL CALL: Durbin: yes; Donovan: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes; Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Lowe: yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**

### **HAPRA RECREATION MASTER PLAN REVIEW**

Tammy Beal said if anyone has any suggestions or changes to the HAPRA Master Plan, let her know.

### **BUCK POLE**

Tammy Beal asked Kyle Tokan if the Buck Pole was going to be ready by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Kyle said that they will do their best.

### **NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> - ELECTED OFFICIALS SWEARING IN AT 6pm**

Tammy Beal said that all of the elected officials will be getting sworn in on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Block Brewery at 6pm. Everyone is responsible for paying for their own food and beverages. Bob Hanvey said that the new Supervisor will be responsible for nominating a representative to be on the Planning Commission.

### **TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Tammy Beal asked the Trustees what they thought about renting a porta-potty for the Jack Lowe Park during the winter months. The cost is \$175 a month. She has received several requests from residents to bring the porta-potty back to the park.

Les Andersen made a motion to approve having one porta-potty delivered to Jack Lowe Park through the winter months, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. ROLL CALL: Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Donovan: yes; Durbin: yes; Lowe: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes. **Resolution passed 7-0**

Tammy Beal said the front counter COVID screen was reinstalled this week. Gary Beal put up all of the new walking path signs and the dog waste receptacles. Tammy asked for a volunteer to install the new baby swing at the Jack Lowe Park. Bob Hanvey volunteered to install the swing.

### **CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES**

Les Andersen asked if there was a way to lower the Trustee's monthly salary amount. Bob Hanvey suggested lowering the contribution amount for the health insurance deductible, instead of changing the salary amount. Les Andersen said he did not want to change the health insurance contributions. Bob Hanvey said he would look into the process for a voluntary salary decrease for Trustees.

Tammy Beal reminded everyone of the Trunk or Treat event at the Township on October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm. Due to early voting for the November 5<sup>th</sup> election, the Trunk or Treat event will take place downstairs this year.

Marge Piepho resides at 2353 Sexton Road and asked if the Township was going to put up mile-marker signs around the walking path. Tammy Beal said not at this time.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Tracey Pardiac resides at 4312 Rurik Drive and asked about the status on the new information from the State on our Solar ordinance.

Bob Hanvey explained that the Board of Trustees had a special meeting on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, as requested by several residents. At the special meeting, the Trustees voted to join other jurisdictions in an appeal against the State of Michigan.

Nancy Manson resides at 3346 West Coon Lake Road and thanked the trustees for putting in new playground equipment. She asked if it would be possible to put some more benches around the walking path for walkers that require a break at the halfway point. Tammy Beal said that residents were welcome to donate park benches for the walking path.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried**

Minutes Submitted by: J. Timberlake

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk

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Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor

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