

**MARION TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Agenda and Minutes**

Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present/Members Absent

Call to the Public

- 1.) Approval of Agenda**
- 2.) Consent Agenda**
 - a.) Approval of July 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - b.) July 19, 2016 HAPRA Minutes**
 - c.) July 20, 2016 MHOG Agenda/Minutes**
 - d.) July 20, 2016 HAFA Agenda/Minutes**
- 3.) Road Workshop**
- 4.) Rurik Road SAD Public Hearing**
- 5.) Cell Tower**
- 6.) MHOG REU Discussion**
- 7.) Special Event Response**
- 8.) Silver Easement**
- 9.) Charter Telephones**

Correspondence/Updates

**EDC Quarterly Reports
August 5, 2016 Temporary Land Use Permit
August 6, 2016 Special Event Permit**

Call to the Public

Adjournment

Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer Group; Tracy Andersen, Spicer Group

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Steve Williams, 5118 Hinchey, introduced himself as a candidate running for re-election as County Commissioner for District 6.

Mr. Stevenson spoke in support of the Veteran's millage on the August 2 ballot, and also said if anyone would be interested in sponsoring a hole for the August 26 golf outing at Timber Trace, they can contact him.

Bob Hanvey asked Mr. Williams to explain the DDA capture that is part of the Veteran's millage proposal. After a brief explanation, Mr. Williams said that more information is available at www.livgov.com/veterans.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items #10—Hometown Village of Marion Phase III, #11—Workshop, and #12—Informal discussion on flag lots, were added to the agenda. Greg Durbin motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

ROAD WORKSHOP

Phil Westmoreland and Tracy Andersen from Spicer Group were present to discuss a 3-5 year plan for road improvements. They provided a public vs. private road map, a map of residential roads with no outlet, and an overall township map that indicated state/county/private/gravel/paved roads.

The chip seal projects for this year are Norton Road (from Burkhart to County Farm) and County Farm Road (from M-155 to Sexton.)

Bob Hanvey said the budget allows approximately \$300,000-400,000 per year.

One possible project identified was Jewell Road from the bridge to County Farm (approx. 1.2 miles) for an estimated \$300,000 for wedge and overlay.

Mike Kollath, 3144 Combine Ct., suggested fixing the paved portion of Bentley Lake Road (approx. 7/10 mile); Phil estimated \$265,000 to crush and shape.

Mike Stefanka, 3343 Sanitorium, said that safety should be the priority, and Sanitorium is only 17' wide in spots and there's a blind spot on the hill. Bob Hanvey said one of the criteria used when deciding is the number of trips on the road. He guessed that the project might cost \$50,000-75,000.

Jim Murray suggested Coon Lake Road around the curve to Triangle Lake Rd.

Fred Bond, 4490 Bentley Lake Road, asked if Bentley Lake Road is considered a fire route. Bill Fenton, a member of the Howell Fire Department, said there are no roads designated as a fire route.

Shirley Sisson, 5145 Bentley Lake Road, said there have been no improvements to the road for over 20 years, and there is no shoulder on the road.

Richard Sisson, 4860 Bentley Lake Road, said that nothing's been done since the 80s.

Cory Grover, 5160 Bentley Lake Road, said you can't pass safely if there are two cars on the road.

Les Andersen mentioned Norton Road (from Burkhart to Amos) by the cemetery.

Forrest Wyckoff, Cedar Lake Road, asked about the status of the bridge on Norton Road by the water plant (estimated cost \$210,000-330,000.)

Phil Westmoreland checked the 2016 road count stats on Bentley Lake Road (630 from Coon Lake to Mayberry, 550 from Mayberry to Cedar Point); 2015 count on Jewell Road (320 from the curve to Cedar Lake).

Forrest Wyckoff said that safety should be a priority, and there are also a lot of dead trees along the roadway that need to be removed. Dan Lowe agreed—he said there are a lot of ash trees that should be removed. Steve Williams said the LCRC does tree trimming as "filler" work and he will discuss with them.

Phyllis Tirador, 620 Brighton Road, said she had a tree that needed to be removed from the right-of-way and the LCRC came out right away and took care of it.

Mike Stefanka said the township board considers improvements over safety and that makes the township liable if something happens.

Bob Hanvey explained that the township can't make the LCRC do anything.

Jack Reynolds, 1922 Olympia Dr., asked Mr. Hanvey to explain "there's no such thing as township roads". Mr. Hanvey said the township works with the LCRC, but the township has no authority over the roads.

Forrest Wyckoff said the strip of Coon Lake Road from Cedar Lake to Pingree is exceptional. Dan Lowe said that Jodie Tedesco from the LCRC had them use a special mix that's more flexible.

Tim Jones, Edward James, asked about Triangle Lake from the Howell Nature Center to D-19, and the dust control. The township budgets about \$60,000 per year for dust control, and each application is approximately \$20,000. Mr. Jones asked if there was any thought about paving Triangle Lake Road. Bob Hanvey said no, the cost would be about \$1 million.

Phil Westmoreland recommended that the board give thought to putting aside money each year for preventative maintenance.

Steve Williams suggested the paved section of Schafer Road, and potentially cooperating with Putnam Township.

Phil Westmoreland will summarize all of this information and present the township with a 1-3 year plan.

Doyle Cook, Sexton Road, said that gravel roads need more maintenance.

RURIK ROAD SAD PUBLIC HEARING

Bob Hanvey opened the public hearing at 8:37 pm. Phil Westmoreland passed out updated prices from Fonson.

Some residents were concerned because only one bid was received. Mr. Westmoreland said the proposal was put out in the usual manner; there's no guarantee you'll receive bids.

Jack Reynolds said he has serious issues with the inflated prices from this bidder, and thinks the project should be rebid next year.

Tom Vanderplas said whatever decision is made, there are three holes in the front that need to be addressed.

There were 12 objections received. Gary Villanueva asked for Bob Hanvey's opinion. Mr. Hanvey said he thinks the road is fine as is. Tammy Beal said she thinks the road improvements increased the value of the homes. Greg Durbin said he also thinks it would enhance property values.

Scott Lloyd said he would recommend that the road be double chip sealed. Les Andersen said the board might not fund the project if it would be a "failed" project.

Bob Hanvey asked for any other objections. The public hearing was closed at 9:27 pm.

Objections were received from the following property owners:

Jack & Arlene Reynolds	1922 Olympia Dr.	#4710-25-202-018
		#4710-25-400-007
Kenneth R. Pardiac	4312 Rurik Dr.	#4710-25-201-008
Donald J. Burgess	4430 Adria Dr.	#4710-25-202-050
		#4710-25-202-054
Charles R. Pardiac	1900 Olympia Dr.	#4710-25-400-018
		#4710-25-202-019
Tait Family Trust	1940 Olympia Dr.	#4710-25-202-017
Ross & Sharon Huetteman	4349 Adria Dr.	#4710-25-202-034
John & Debbie Arthur	1846 Olympia Dr.	#4710-25-202-052
Thomas & April Woltman	4014 Rurik Dr.	#4710-25-201-032
Alan Smullen	4420 Adria Dr.	#4710-25-202-024
		#4710-25-202-035
		#4710-25-202-036
Robert Vukonich	4237 Rurik Dr.	#4710-25-202-003
Andrew G. Sessions	4321 Rurik Dr.	#4710-25-202-041

Bob Hanvey motioned to proceed with the project as proposed, not to exceed \$150,000. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Murray—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Due to the time, the board members agreed to postpone agenda items 5-12.

Bob Hanvey passed out some information on Hometown Village of Marion Phase III for review.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

Tammy Beal said the election is Tuesday, August 2; she reminded the trustees to remain 100 feet from the door when talking with people.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Jim Murray seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date