

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 8, 2016
7:30 p.m.
Agenda and Minutes for Website**

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 August 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - b.) HAPRA Organizational Meeting Minutes**
 - c.) August 16, 2016 HAPRA Regular Minutes**
 - d.) Complaint Report**
 - e.) DPW Report**
 - f.) Zoning Report**
 - g.) LCRC Invoice (\$135,645.12)**

- 3.) HAPRA Resolution**
- 4.) Sewer Rates**
- 5.) Sunridge/Marion Creek Revision**
- 6.) Special Event Ordinance**
- 7.) Employee Handbook Revisions**

Correspondence/Updates

Call to the Public

Adjournment

Minutes

**MARION TOWNSHIP
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REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

John Cheyne, 5000 Jewell Rd., said he had some comments regarding the Special Event ordinance. Bob Hanvey asked him to discuss them during that agenda item.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items #8—Noise and #9—Election were added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Jim Murray seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the consent agenda. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Murray—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

HAPRA RESOLUTION

Paul Rogers, Executive Director of HAPRA, was present to ask the board to consider approving a resolution for continuation of HAPRA. Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution for the “Continuation of the Howell Area Parks & Recreation Authority” as presented. Jim Murray seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Murray, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

SEWER RATES

Scott Lloyd motioned to increase the Marion Township sewer usage rate by 5.5%. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Murray, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

SUNRIDGE/MARION CREEK REVISION

When the PUD agreement was amended, the construction time was set at one year. S.R. Jacobsen would like paragraph C1 modified as submitted. Bob Hanvey will draft funding provisions for the final lift of the road and bring to the next meeting. Dan Lowe said he doesn’t like bonds, he would like it to be paid with each permit. Dan Lowe asked about the Crystalwood agreement. Bob Hanvey said the agreement does not have a time constraint and the terms of the PUD agreement cannot be changed.

SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE

John Cheyne, 5500 Jewell Road, asked the board for clarification/definition of private gatherings and immediate family; as written, an anniversary party of “grandparents” or a niece/nephew would

not be allowed. A definition is also needed for what constitutes a “problem.” Les Andersen suggested having the zoning administrator work with the planner on tweaking this language.

Jim Witkowski asked if this was exclusively for weddings; the answer was no.

The board members also discussed the limit on the number of people and including language that the zoning administrator will bring “new” events to the board.

Bob Loomis, 542 E. Davis Rd., said he thought the board would be voting on this item tonight, and would like the township to do more work on this ordinance. He feels if an event is being held and the property owner is charging a fee, then it’s a business. Les Andersen said the township has spent a considerable amount of time on this issue. Bob Hanvey said this is a general ordinance, which has been on the agendas published on the township website for many meetings, but public hearings aren’t required.

Les Andersen motioned to have the zoning administrator contact the planner to work on the paragraph regarding family members. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Les Andersen motioned to have the zoning administrator and planner discuss the reasoning behind a number of attendees for the event. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Tammy Beal said the handbook needs to be updated prior to the audit. It was suggested that the stipend for appointed committee members should be defined; the board members discussed \$80 for a ½ day and \$160 for a full day. Dan Lowe said that reports should be submitted by the attendees, and if no report is submitted, no future classes will be approved. Greg Durbin said the training is beneficial. Greg Durbin motioned to approve the Employee Handbook revisions as presented. Jim Murray seconded. **Motion carried.**

NOISE

Les Andersen said he received a complaint about noise from Perkins; Mr. Perkins is doing wetland mitigation to comply with the DEQ and should be done soon.

ELECTION

Greg Durbin thanked the board members for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 9:02 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date