

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, November 10, 2016  
7:30 p.m.**

**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 October 27, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**
  - b.) Complaint Report**
  - c.) Zoning Report**
- 3.) Final Review of TXT#04-16 Section 3.02 & 6.11 Flag Lots**
- 4.) New Treasurer Appointment**
- 5.) Roads**

**Correspondence/Updates**

**Livingston County Update**

**Call to the Public**

**Adjournment**

**Minutes**

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Duane Stokes, Treasurer-Elect

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## **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**

No response.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Parks & Recreation Budget was added to the agenda and the order of discussion was changed. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

## **NEW TREASURER APPOINTMENT**

Bob Hanvey said that because the treasurer passed away prior to the write-in filing deadline, any votes for Jim Murray would not count, and any write-in votes for Duane Stokes from the November 8 general election would count. There were 82 write-in votes that need to be certified by the county. Mr. Hanvey asked the board to consider appointing Mr. Stokes to complete the current term (through November 20), so that he can begin to learn the process. Tax bills are being prepared and should be sent to the county and printer by next week, so now would be an opportunity for the treasurer-elect to learn the process.

Greg Durbin said he would like to hear more about Mr. Stokes; he said the board should have more information on his background and qualifications.

Dan Lowe said he was confused about how Mr. Stokes filed to run as a write-in candidate. Tammy Beal said that she and Mr. Hanvey had talked with the Bureau of Elections, MTA, and the attorney, and finally, on Monday, Oct. 31, the Bureau of Elections sent an email confirming that a write-in candidate was eligible. Scott Lloyd said he thinks it looks dirty. Mr. Stokes said he took the initiative to file as a write-in candidate. He then summarized his background and previous experience for the board members. Greg Durbin said that if something like this happens in the future, he would prefer that the board members review the applicants. He asked if waiting to appoint a treasurer for a two-year term would have created a problem, but said that he would support appointing the treasurer-elect a week early. Bob Hanvey said an alternative would be to have Mr. Stokes come in and begin learning the process without appointing him. Mr. Stokes said he's willing to do whatever is necessary to gain the board's confidence. No action required at this time.

**HOWELL AREA PARKS & RECREATION PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET**

Paul Rogers, Director of HAPRA, was present to ask for the board’s approval for the 2017 budget. The board members will review the budget material and make a decision at the December 8 meeting.

**FINAL REVIEW OF TXT #04-16: SECTION 3.02 & 6.11—FLAG LOTS**

Dan Lowe said he thought the issue was with the width, not length, and would like to see something in the ordinance about width. He said he’ll review his ZBA materials. Dan Lowe motioned to have the files from the Markarian ZBA case given to the PC members for review. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

**ROADS**

Dan Lowe motioned to have Bob Harvey instruct the township engineer to send a letter to Highway Service regarding the Rurik Drive chip seal. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Lowe also asked why the LCRC allows rocks in the road right-of-way by Trierweiler’s property, as it causes a drainage problem. Bob Harvey said he will check with them.

**CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES**

A special meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 5pm at the B-line to swear in the board members.

The buck pole is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 from 4-9 pm at the township hall. The pole is going up on Friday morning if any of the board members are available.

There will be a holiday bazaar and community sale at the township hall on Saturday, November 19.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Bruce Powelson asked whether an access easement is better than a flag lot? Bob Harvey said there are lots of problems with easements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk      Date

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Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor      Date