

AGENDA
MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 11, 2016
7:30 p.m.

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 28, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - b.) **Complaint Report**
 - c.) **DPW Report**
 - d.) **Investment Report**
 - e.) **Zoning Report**
- 3.) **Cell Tower (Bring back)**
- 4.) **MHOG REU Discussion**
- 5.) **Special Event Response(Bring back)**
- 6.) **Silver Easement**
- 7.) **Charter Telephones(Bring back)**
- 8.) **Hometown Village(Bring back)**
- 9.) **Advisory Committee**
- 10.) **Flag Lots**

Correspondence/Updates

Public Works Coordinator Letter

Livingston County Update

Notice: The next board packet will be ready on Monday, August 22nd after 3:00 p.m.*****

Call to the Public

Adjournment

MINUTES
MARION TOWNSHIP
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REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2016

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Murray

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

Joshua McKinley, 2865 Blossom Farms Drive, introduced himself; he is a Boy Scout working on his "Citizens of the Community" merit badge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items #11—Burkhart Sewer Lead, #12—CIRAB Report, and #13—Grants were added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CELL TOWER

Bob Hanvey said that Crown Castle has made an offer to extend the lease. Dan Lowe said there's no advantage to the township to extend. Scott Lloyd said the township may be able to get a better deal at the end of the lease. No action required at this time. Scott Lloyd also said that no trees have been planted around the cell tower at the Eagles. Bob Hanvey said they have been contacted and they indicated that it was too dry to plant; Scott Lloyd said they said they had a water truck.

MHOG REU DISCUSSION

Bob Hanvey said he would like the policy for sewer and water to be the same, and the policy for when a frontage fee is charged needs to be cleared up. He asked the board members to consider what action to take, but the policy will be left as is for now.

SPECIAL EVENT RESPONSE

Dan Lowe said he feels the barn is a commercial business, not an old barn that's been preserved. Les Andersen said it's a single-family home that looks like a barn, and questioned why the township would write an ordinance to allow something that's not currently allowed. Dan Lowe said there is no benefit to the township. Greg Durbin said that he attended a workshop in Washtenaw County on this subject and the answer is no, it's not an agri-business.

Les Andersen motioned to have the special event permit/ordinance modified to include a sentence on paid events such as weddings, graduation parties, etc., and bring back to the board for its review. Scott Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

Joshua McKinley asked what branch of government is responsible for this issue; the answer was local/township.

SILVER EASEMENT

Maps are provided in the packet. Dan Lowe and Les Andersen both felt the township shouldn't give up the easement until the Highland property issue is settled with the City of Howell.

CHARTER TELEPHONES

Bob Hanvey motioned to try Charter phone service for one month and if it's acceptable, drop AT&T. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

HOMETOWN VILLAGE

The board members discussed various options. The accountant has suggested that the township should have an appraisal done. Tammy Beal motioned to have an appraisal done on this property. Les Andersen seconded. Discussion: Dan Lowe said the township should find a real estate company and have the property listed for sale. Roll call vote: Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Greg Durbin said he is in favor of forming an advisory committee to help identify issues and allow things to move forward, guided by the zoning administrator and planner. Bob Hanvey said he's not in favor of focusing on just one property.

FLAG LOTS

A site plan was provided of proposed lot splits. The Planning Commission would review only the road specifications. Bob Hanvey asked about Lot 11 and whether the board members felt it met the definition of flag lot. Les Andersen said he would like to have flag lots not allowed.

BURKHART SEWER LEAD

Bob Hanvey passed out a section of the sewer ordinance regarding connections. Dan Lowe said it needs to be fixed before the weather changes. He will contact the City of Howell and compare the information to the video from Haslock.

CIRAB

Scott Lloyd updated the board members on the Monday, August 8 CIRAB meeting. A 5.5% increase in the sewer rate was approved.

GRANTS

The treasurer applied for a PAR Plan grant for security cameras and was given \$4,600. Les Andersen motioned to authorize the clerk to sign the grant receipt. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

A letter is included in the packet from the DPW Coordinator announcing her retirement, effective August 31.

The monthly Livingston County update is included in the packet.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Bruce Powelson, 3466 Pingree, said the issue of flag lots was discussed at the last PC meeting, and he also felt that event venues can be a benefit to the community.

Related to the road issues discussed at the last meeting, Les Andersen said that in Washtenaw County, if the county shares in the cost of repairs, they don't allow trucks.

Dan Lowe said that the ten foot lanes on Jewell Road are too narrow.

Bob Hanvey said the issue of speed limit on Burkhart Road will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:24 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date