

**MARION TOWNSHIP
AGENDA and MINUTES
May 28, 2015**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present/Members Absent

Call to the Public

- 1.) Approval of Agenda
- 2.) Consent Agenda
 - a.) Approval of May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b.) Financial Report
 - c.) Sheriff's Report
 - d.) Fire Station Responses
 - e.) May 20, 2015 MHOG Agenda and Minutes
 - f.) City of Howell WWTP
- 3.) Show Cause Hearing #444-15; 386 Lucy Road-Change in Use of Property
- 4.) Show Cause Hearing #451-15; 2821 Dutcher Road-Number of Cats
- 5.) Mitroka Property
- 6.) Marion Meadows/ Howell Industrial Purchase
- 7.) Township Repairs- Generator, Painting
- 8.) Township Clean-Up
- 9.) MHOG Peavy Road Agreement
- 10.) Roads
- 11.) Township Parking Lot
- 12.) Road Commission Parking Lot
- 13.) Township Budget Review

Correspondence/Updates

Park Policy Update

Call to the Public

Adjournment

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tammy Beal, Dan Lowe, Les Andersen, Greg Durbin, Scott Lloyd, and Jim Murray
MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Hanvey
OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer Group

CALL TO ORDER

Tammy Beal 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dan Lowe asked to add item #14—Burkhart Sewer Lead. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Jim Murray seconded. **Motion carried.**

SHOW CAUSE HEARING #444-15: 386 LUCY RD., CHANGE IN USE OF PROPERTY

Dan Brockway was present on behalf of this item. The property was a single family home and is now being used as an office. Mr. Brockway said he will have the required information within the next month. Jim Murray motioned to schedule this item for the July 27 Planning Commission meeting, and Mr. Brockway will submit the information by July 6. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Durbin, Andersen, Murray—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

SHOW CAUSE HEARING #451-15: 2821 DUTCHER RD., NUMBER OF CATS

Sharon Bath and Kevin Roberts, 2821 Dutcher Rd., were present on behalf of this item. Tammy Beal said the number of cats exceeds the zoning ordinance and how are the owners going to rectify the situation? Tom Blevins, 7645 E. Highland Rd., spoke on their behalf. He said only a few of the cats belong to the property owners; other people are just dropping strays off. Kevin Roberts said he has talked with Channel 6 News and the township will be hearing from them. Mrs. Bath said the situation is stressing her out and complained about other neighbors' cats, birds and chickens. Les Andersen motioned to turn this item over to the township attorney to proceed. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Murray, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes.

Motion carried 6-0.

MITROKA PROPERTY

This purchase is all done, and the township now owns the 10 acres to the west of the hall.

MARION MEADOWS/HOWELL INDUSTRIAL PURCHASE

No new information on this item.

TOWNSHIP REPAIRS

The generator has been installed. An estimate from TriStar Electrical is included in the packet for a remote status monitor, additional fence panel, and weed-barrier fabric & stone to cover the fenced area. Scott Lloyd said he doesn't think the remote status monitor is necessary. Les Andersen motioned to postpone this item until the full board is present and more information is obtained. Jim Murray seconded. **Motion carried.**

A copy of an email sent by Chief Pless requesting the Fire Authority Board is included in the packet. An invoice for \$2,795 will be sent to HAFA.

The assessor has moved into his new office; his assistant and the lunchroom still need to be moved.

TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP

Mr. Gorski obtained a map from the township and this project is ongoing.

MHOG PEAVY ROAD AGREEMENT

Dan Lowe updated the board members on the Peavy Road Termination Agreement. Les Andersen motioned to have the clerk and supervisor sign the agreement. Jim Murray seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Murray, Durbin, Lowe, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

ROADS

Cedar Lake Road: Forrest Wyckoff, 3145 Cedar Lake Road, said not only is the dust a problem, but the hill before Love's Creek is hazardous. Phil Westmoreland said it could be cut down to improve site distance. Dan Lowe suggested that someone talk with the LCRC to see if it meets site distance requirements; Mr. Wyckoff said he would. Mr. Lowe and Mr. Wyckoff will also check out Kern Road. Steve Ott said the township should hold off on chloride for Brighton Road.

D-19: A pre-construction meeting was held today and a progress schedule was handed out. Dan Lowe asked about the millings; Phil Westmoreland said he talked with the LCRC, and the millings belong to the contractor. He will talk with them.

TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT

Phil Westmoreland said the parking lot looks good; however, there is rubber in the cracks that gets very soft and he recommends adding sand or slag.

ROAD COMMISSION PARKING LOT

Mr. DeBottis will be working directly with the LCRC on this item.

BUDGET REVIEW

This will be included in the next packet.

BURKHART SEWER LEAD

Dan Lowe said there is a casing under the road that appears to not be connected in the center. Phil Westmoreland will talk with Erv about using a root cutter and will report back.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

The letter on the park policy has been sent out; no calls have been received about the letter.

The final Heritage Days meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8.

Les Andersen provided feedback from residents on how much they like the recycling service.

Scott Lloyd asked about the \$600 for shredding and how often it's done. Tammy Beal said it's done once a year, and a lot of the shredding is actually the townships.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Sharon Bath, 2821 Dutcher Road, asked the board members what neighbor is complaining. Les Andersen said that Animal Control has documented the situation. Mrs. Bath said if no one complained, then no one would know. Greg Durbin said that there is clearly a problem and the solution is to cooperate and comply with the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**