

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2022**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney John Gormley

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. The meeting was also available to attend online.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jean Root, 723 E. Davis Rd., shared her concerns about the lack of a quorum at the recent ZBA meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

HOWELL STORAGE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

Jim Abraham was present to discuss this project. The Planning Commission made recommendations and the revisions will be submitted at the next Planning Commission meeting. Dan Lowe is concerned about the lack of water retention on this site. Mr. Abraham said that retention is in the plan, and the Drain Commission has approved. He will send the township the specifications. There was discussion that this request (to not pave) should be taken to the Zoning Board of Appeals, not the township board. No action was taken at this time.

MiSIGNAL BROADBAND

Josh Rowe from MiSignal was present regarding the proposal for fiber optic service in the township. After discussion, Les Andersen motioned to postpone action on this item until the February 10, 2022 board meeting. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

BURNHAM & FLOWER PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to accept the proposal from Burnham & Flower for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Property & Casualty Dividend Program with the added casualty and terrorism coverage. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

HEALTH INSURANCE PA #152 OPT-OUT RESOLUTION

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the opting out of the 2011 Public Act 152, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Lloyd, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Donovan—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

2022 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2022 Income and Asset Tests, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Hanvey, Lowe, Durbin, Beal, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

BOARD OF REVIEW LETTER APPEALS

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to allow residents to file letter appeals to the Board of Review for 2022. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd, Durbin—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

MARION TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Tammy Beal presented updates to the employee handbook. For the section on COVID, the attorney suggested that the township follow the Livingston County Health Department guidelines. Tammy Beal motioned to revise the handbook updates and bring back to the next meeting. Bob Hanvey seconded. **Motion carried.**

TOWNSHIP HALL EXPANSION

Les Andersen motioned to have Tammy Beal, Scott Lloyd, and Sandy Donovan meet with Spicer to discuss other options. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CEMETERY EXPANSION

Greg Durbin said a representative from Inch Monuments will make a presentation at the February 24 meeting. Les Andersen suggested raising the price for cemetery plots.

TAMARACK PLACE PUD AGREEMENT

The attorney said the change made was acceptable. A copy of the final PUD agreement will be presented at the next meeting.

CRYSTAL WOOD TREES

The attorney suggested that the township should have approval from the three HOA's on the location of trees.

ZBA REPORT

Dan Lowe reported that the January 3 ZBA meeting had to be postponed due to a lack of a quorum. The case will be heard at the February meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Dan Lowe thanked Rick Haslock for installing the berm on Lucy Road.

Les Andersen asked if there is a time limit allowed on "work orders" for vehicles sitting outside of repair facilities.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY (CLOSED SESSION)

At 9:20 pm, Sandy Donovan motioned to go into a closed session to discuss the written legal opinion of our attorney, per MCL 15.268(h) on this issue of an outstanding special assessment and the proposed racetrack. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion by Sandy Donovan to come out of the closed session at 10:34 pm, seconded by Greg Durbin. **Motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 10:36 pm, seconded by Sandy Donovan. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date