

MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 8, 2023
7:30 p.m.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON WITH
ONLINE PARTICIPATION OPTIONS**

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Members Present/Members Absent
Call to the Public

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Consent Agenda
 - a. May 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Complaint Report
 - c. DPW Report
 - d. Zoning Report
 - e. MTA Dues \$7,764.14
- 3) Budget Discussion
- 4) Cemetery Expansion
- 5) Marion Township Walking Path Update
- 6) Marion Township Maintenance/Repair Update
- 7) Correspondence and Updates
- 8) Call to the Public
- 9) Closed Session to Discuss Attorney's Opinion on REU's

Adjournment

Reminder: Next Board Packet will be ready after 3pm on Thursday, June 15, 2023.

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REGULAR MEETING
MAY 25, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer (online)

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also available to attend online.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add an item on Howell Public Schools and to add a Call to the Public at the beginning of the meeting. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the proposed budget amendments for the current fiscal year, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

ROADS

Les Andersen motioned to authorize the clerk and supervisor to sign the agreements with the Livingston County Road Commission for Coon Lake Road from D-19 to township line, Keddle Road from D-19 to Peavy Road, and Peavy Road from Keddle to end of pavement, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CEMETERY EXPANSION

Les Andersen motion to have the clerk submit the Livingston County Health Department application for application/review for approval of cemetery, and have perc tests done. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

MARION TOWNSHIP WALKING PATH UPDATE

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the proposal from Spicer and have the supervisor sign the document, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Hanvey—yes; Lowe—no; Durbin—yes; Beal—yes; Lloyd—no; Donovan—yes; Andersen—yes. **Motion carried 5-2.**

MARION TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE/REPAIR UPDATE

A walk-through with prospective bidders is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 at 8:30 am.

Two bids were received for fixing the wall; the insurance company has offered to pay the amount quoted by Chenard & Osborn, Inc. in the amount of \$15,505.31. Les Andersen motioned to authorize the clerk to accept the settlement from the insurance company. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy Beal said the furnace for the "hall" portion of the building needs repair or replacement. The estimate for repair is \$830; Kearns Mechanical recommends replacement. Scott Lloyd wants to make sure the new furnace has the same BTUs. There's also the question of whether the new furnace would be adequate if there was an addition.

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to purchase the new furnace as recommended by Kearns Mechanical. Lost motion,

Les Andersen motioned to postpone action on this item. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOOKMOBILE

Les Andersen motioned to allow Howell Public Schools to use township property for a few hours each week during the summer for the Highlander Reading Express bookmobile. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Bob Hanvey and Scott Lloyd met with representatives from the City of Howell; there will be a closed session with the attorney at the next board meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Greg Durbin motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date

COMPLAINT LOG

Complaint #	Complainant Name	Offender Name	Complaint Details	Action Taken	Date Violation	Show Cause Date	Resolved
#01-23	Ryan Carter	Collin Bastian	Extremely loud music all the time on vacant land on Cedar Lake Rd	Supervisor LTR	5/15/2023		
5/15/2023	5424 Cedar Lake Rd	3420 Mason Rd	4710-32-200-018				
#02-23	Kandi McPherson	Brad Diane Wiltse	grass clipping nuisance	Supervisor LTR	5/9/2023		Closed
5/8/2023	4133 Jewell Rd	4115 Jewell					
#03-23							



PO Box 80078
 Lansing, MI 48908-0078
 www.michigantownships.org

Due Date: 7/1/2023
Township ID: 44548
ATTN: Tammy Beal
County: Livingston Co.

Bill To:

Marion Twp.
 2877 W Coon Lake Rd
 Howell, MI 48843-8937

IMPORTANT
 Please make a photocopy of this page
 and send it with your check.

Annual Dues	1. Your annual dues payment for 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024 is:	\$7,538.00
	2. Your Legal Defense Fund contribution for the year is (optional):	\$226.14
	Your dues and LDF total:	\$7,764.14

Choose Your MTA Online Learning Subscription (optional)

All members of your township team, including volunteers, will have access to the courses included in the package you choose. See the enclosed flyer and the back of this page for more details.

Select one	<input type="checkbox"/> Premium Pass (all courses included)	\$ 1,900	Enter the selected package price here:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Plus	\$ 1,000		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Essentials	\$ 750		

Total the green and gold boxes above and enter the amount enclosed: \$

Notes:

1. Make a photocopy of this page and send it with your check.
2. Your dues were calculated using method 4 as described on the reverse side of this sheet.
3. MTA's EIN number is: 38-1536994. IRS Disclosure: MTA dues payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.
4. Questions regarding this invoice can be sent to service@michigantownships.org or call us at (517) 321-6467.

MEMO

To: Marion Township Board
From: Bob Hanvey
Subject: Budget thoughts
Date: June 8, 2023

The public hearing for the millage rate and budget is scheduled for the next Board meeting on June 22, 2023.

Most of the budget will be "normal" but there are some things that we should discuss prior to the public hearing.

Salaries, the inflation rate has been changing and I'm not sure how much we need to increase salaries to maintain a "break even" point.

Roads, we need to consider spending ARPA money for the road work that will be completed prior to the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2023. If we spend \$600,000 in this fiscal year that will avoid the issue of a single audit requirement.

Enforcement, we have a contract with the Livingston County Sheriff that ends in August. That was a five-way agreement with the MHOG townships and Howell Public Schools. The Schools want a full-time deputy which changes the plan. We need to consider what we want to do about the agreement.

Other items that you may have to consider.



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March 23, 2023

Supervisor Robert Hanvey
2877 W. Coon Lake Road
Howell, MI 48843
Via Email

RE: Proposal 2 Implementation

Dear Supervisor Hanvey,

As you know, a constitutional amendment was passed in November 2022 that greatly impacts Michigan elections. The amendment calls for 9 days of early voting for all state-wide and federal elections; State-paid postage for all absent voter mail; and several other things that will obligate our local clerks in their work as election administrators.

As a former clerk and former Chair of the House Elections and Ethics committee, I have been working closely with clerks and stakeholders across the state to identify how best to implement these changes. A common goal recognized by our local clerks is to ensure that every eligible voter can vote freely, secretly, independently, and securely. I am supportive of initiatives that will better enable us to do that, but all initiatives must have the proper guardrails to ensure the very important task of administering elections is being done in the best interests of all voters. That is why I am writing today. I have grave concerns that our state will not be ready for 2024 and rash policies will be put in place without full consideration of the consequences.

As a former clerk, I witnessed first-hand large-scale changes to our elections in Michigan. Many of them with little input from local clerks. Michigan has locally administered elections that add a greater level of security and responsiveness by over 1600 clerks. Current Michigan election law has many checks and balances along the way to meet the common goal of ensuring only eligible voters can vote freely, secretly, independently, and securely. However, I have seen with the onslaught of constitutional amendments recently some of those protections being ignored or deemed in conflict of the safeguards local clerks have used for many years (i.e., signature curing, removal of absent voter ballot applications, targeted voter registration drives, same-day registration rights being used improperly, etc.).

Over the years we have had many changes to our elections process that forced our local clerks to adjust. Our local clerks adjusted – with grace, professionalism, and minimal additional resources. We know that the government closest to the people is the most responsive. I fear that the most recent changes will continue to push many clerks into new professions, create havoc with our election processes and result in less than stellar elections.

I urge you to talk with your local clerks and garner their input on the budget, personnel, election policies or additional resources they may need to carry out these new responsibilities. We have some of the best local clerks in the state. I want to partner with you to ensure we keep them and our elections clean. I am working at the state level to ensure proper funding for our elections – I have been an advocate for adequate funding for elections since I took office as a legislator in 2019. I want to work hand in hand with you and our local clerks to ensure that the proper resources and policies are in place for 2024.

However, if we are to be successful and keep our elections fair, free and secure, it will take a great partnership. This includes input and a voice on the policies (local, state, and federal level) and budgets that will affect the clerk's ability to implement these changes and financial resources.

I urge you to provide the local clerk's office with the necessary resources needed to implement Proposal 2 and to assist me in my efforts to garner more state resources by providing an outline of both funding and policy changes that need to be made at the local or state level in 2023 to ensure a successful transition to early voting. I would greatly appreciate your input and am always available to discuss.

Thank you for your service to your local community. I look forward to our continued work together to keep Livingston County the great place it is to live, work, and play.

Respectfully,



Ann M. Bollin
State Representative, District 49



Robert J. Bezotte
State Representative, District 50

CC: Clerk Tammy Beal
Marion Township Board of Trustees
Via Email

EARLY VOTING

June 8, 2023

To: Marion Township Board of Trustees

Re: Early Voting Impact on the Clerk's Office

With the passage of the 2022 Early Voting Proposal #2 in the State of Michigan a Clerk is now required to conduct election duties for 9 consecutive days prior to each State and Federal election. This includes 2 weekends prior to each election.

While an election cycle preparation is carried out over a period of 2 months with 2 required full days (Monday before and the Tuesday Election Day) plus 8 hours the weekend prior to the election. This will dramatically increase the load of the election cycle for the Clerk. The required days for the Clerk's office have now increased to 11 days which includes the 9 days of early voting.

Hours:

- Each day requires a minimum of 8 hours for voting. Some of those days will be early opening and some will be late closing. Early days will be required to be open at 7 am and late days will be required to stay open until 7 pm.
- In reality, the 8-hour days will be at least 10-hour days due to opening and closing procedures and securing of ballots and equipment.
- The early voting will require the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to be present every day because of registering voters in the office and trouble shooting issues in the precinct.

Scheduling:

- The Clerk's time for scheduling of inspectors will be dramatically increased. Coordination of scheduling election inspectors for the 9 days prior to the election and on election day will be challenging to say the least. The precinct for each of the 9 days must be staffed by two chairperson workers that have knowledge and good computer skills for the electric poll book, tabulator and Voter Assisted Terminal. The other two to three workers can be regular precinct inspectors. The workers must be scheduled so that there are an equal number of Republican and Democratic inspectors. All inspectors must be trained and certified to work elections.

Clerk's Office:

- There will also be a need in the Clerk's office for an extra one to two staff members for the three weeks leading up to the election. This requires extra training of these temporary election staff.

- Now there is same day registration laws, which requires the Clerk to register voters right up until and on election day. This is very time consuming, to do it justice it usually takes 15 minutes at the minimum, another reason for extra staffing. At the 2020 Presidential election we had 44 people register to vote on Election Day.
- The Clerk will now have the added responsibility of conducting early voting while at the same time processing voter registrations, sending out absentee ballots, receiving absentee ballots along with the regular duties of the Clerk.

Request:

- That the Clerk receive \$40.00 per hour for additional hours worked during State and Federal Elections. These hours are based only on hours that the Clerk is in the office outside of normal office hours.
- That the Deputy Clerk receive her normal hourly pay per hour plus overtime during these two weeks of early voting.
- Extra office personnel to assist in the Clerk's office for Federal and State Elections. (Paid up to \$20 per hour)

Sincerely,



Tammy L. Beal

Marion Township Clerk

PROPOSAL

To furnish, install, and warranty the products and services stated below in accordance with the following conditions and specifications.
 Our professional recommendations are based on the specifications of your home and will all effectively heat or cool your home.
 Please indicate your preference on the provided lines using your initials.

Customer Name: Marion Township Hall (Tammy Beal) Date: 6/01/23
 Address: 2877 W Coon Lake Rd., Howell, MI 48843

COMFORT PACKAGES

BEST <i>When you want only the best.</i>	BETTER <i>If value and peace of mind are important.</i>	GOOD <i>When today's investment is top of mind.</i>
Furnace: Unit: Rheem 115,000 Btu 96% Two-Stage Gas Valve Furnace Key Components: Variable Speed Blower, Quieter Performance Includes: Sensi Wifi-Enabled Thermostat	Furnace: Unit: Rheem 95% 115,000 Btu Single-Stage Gas Valve Furnace Key Components: Constant Torque Blower Includes: Programmable Thermostat	Furnace: Unit: Rheem 92% 115,000 Btu Single-Stage Gas Valve Furnace Key Components: Constant Torque Blower Includes: Programmable Thermostat

Investment: \$6,800 Investment: \$5,750 Investment: \$4,830
 Customer Initials: _____ Customer Initials: _____ Customer Initials: _____

OPTIONAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS
Ask your Comfort Advisor how the optional solutions below could benefit your home for years to come!

SYSTEM SOLUTION	INVESTMENT	CUSTOMER APPROVAL
Kearns Mechanical Comfort Club (if not included in Package above)	\$20 / month	
Sensi Wi-Fi Enabled Thermostat (if not included in Package above)		
This furnace is more than big enough for 6,000 sq. ft. if the ductwork is properly designed.		
AIR QUALITY (Standard Price / Comfort Club Discount)		
Aprilaire 600 Automatic Humidifier w/ Digital Display	\$839 Club \$713	
Aprilaire 5000 Filter System	\$1,675 Club \$1,424	
Media Filter for Optimal Air Quality	\$365 Club \$310	

TOTAL INVESTMENT - Calculated after receiving customer preferences (Comfort Package + Selected Optional System Solutions)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Chk # <input type="checkbox"/> Card <input type="checkbox"/> Financing
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***The above pricing is valid for 30 days from the date of proposal delivery. After that term, pricing may be subject to changes. Also, there will be a 3% credit processing fee added to your total when using a credit card.**

Acceptance of Proposal: I have initialed the packages/solutions that I would like installed and accept the above prices, specifications, and conditions and deem them satisfactory. Kearns Mechanical is authorized to do the work as specified. Payments will be made to Kearns Mechanical LLC as outlined above.

Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Warranties:

After being registered by Kearns Mechanical, your comfort system's warranties will include:

- * 10yr. Limited Manufacturer Warranty on Parts (Furnace)
- * Lifetime Manufacturer Warranty on Heat Exchanger (>90% Furnaces)
- * 20yr. Manufacturer Warranty on Heat Exchanger (<90% Furnaces)
- * 10yr. Manufacturer Warranty on Compressor (A/C)
- * 6-year Part Warranty (Water Heater, *Professional Series*)
- * 5yr. Part Warranty and 12yr. Heat Exchanger Warranty (Water Heater, *Prestige Series*)
- * 12mo. Limited Labor Warranty by *Kearns Mechanical*

Exclusive "No Lemon" Guarantee

We recognize that not every manufactured piece of heating and cooling equipment is 100% perfect, 100% of the time. Since our clients should expect to receive 100% of the heating and cooling value they invested in, we offer a "No Lemon" guarantee on our systems. Simply stated, as long as you have an active *Comfort Club* membership, if your compressor in your air conditioner fails twice within the first 5 years we will replace it at *no cost to you*.

100% Money Back Satisfaction Guarantee

During the first year, if you are dissatisfied with the operation of the equipment we have installed, we will promptly correct the problem. After we have corrected the problem and the equipment is still not operating to the manufacturer's standards and the manufacturer representative has verified its failure and no other alternative is available, upon your written request we will remove the system and *refund your money in full*. This guarantee applies only to complete systems installed on the same date and does not apply to any partial system installations.

No Surprise Guarantee

The investment quoted is what you will pay. Crazy, right?

Payment:

If paying via cash, check, or credit card, 50% of the project's investment is required to begin and the remaining investment is due on the day of completion. If you would like to fund the investment using our financing program, you will need to be pre-approved before starting. See below for more information regarding financing.

If making a purchase using a credit card, a 3% credit processing fee will be added to your total.

Financing via the Residential KwikComfort® Financing Program:

In partnership with Synchrony Financial, Kearns Mechanical is able to offer affordable financing options for the purchase of Home Comfort Systems including furnaces, air conditioners, and water heaters as well as their installation costs. If you'd like to explore your financing options, visit kearnsmechllc.com/financing/.

Kearns Mechanical's Comfort Club:

Interested in becoming a preferred client of *Kearns Mechanical*? Becoming a *Comfort Club* member is the *easiest* way to ensure your comfort today and tomorrow with complimentary and professional tune-ups, discounts on repairs, and priority service for no heat / no air conditioning appointments. If you'd like to make stressing about your family's comfort a thing of the past, ask us about our *Comfort Club* or fill out our quick-and-easy, one-page application at kearnsmechllc.com/comfort-club/.



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