

MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2024

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Lowe

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney John Gormley

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.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 7.5—Maintenance was 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.**

GALE SHOW CAUSE HEARING REVIEW

Diane Gale was present for this agenda item. She said she hadn't gotten any feedback from the township on the letter she wrote. She asked specifically what the complaint was about. Bob Hanvey said the complaint wasn't specific; Tammy Beal said the trailers and vehicles. Ms. Gale said they have five vehicles that they drive. Greg Durbin asked about the abandoned RV; Ms. Gale said they use it for storage. The board member asked if she could move it where it's not visible. Ms. Gale said that every one in the township should be held accountable and she feels targeted.

Scott Lloyd motioned to give Diane Gale thirty (30) days to move the RV. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

MILLER SHOW CAUSE HEARING REVIEW

Dawn Miller was present for this agenda item. She said she's made a lot of progress. She's been in contact with Miechiels to pick up items, but a date hasn't been scheduled yet. Les Andersen motioned to allow thirty (30) days to have the items removed. Bob Hanvey seconded. **Motion carried.**

CRYSTAL WOOD TREES

Cathy Hulett from the Crystal Wood II HOA was present for this agenda item. She said the builder is no longer in business and the township has funds in escrow for the required trees. Bob Hanvey asked her to mark on the site plan where they would like the trees and the type of trees they would like. We will request the attorney to draft a document for Crystal Wood & Crystal Wood Estates HOAs to waive approval of the trees.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the proposed General Fund budget amendment for FY 7/1/24-6/30/25, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Donovan, Beal, Durbin, Lloyd, Hanvey—all yes. **Resolution passed 6-0.**

PARK FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the proposed Park Fund budget amendment for FY 7/1/24-6/30/25, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Donovan, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen—all yes. **Resolution passed 6-0.**

MAINTENANCE

Les Andersen motioned to approve having Wellman's remove dirt from the Triangle Lake Park playground area prior to installation of new wood fiber, not to exceed \$1,500. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Les Andersen motioned to approve the purchase of a new hand-held microphone for \$1,562.62, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Hanvey, Durbin, Beal, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen—all yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

ENFORCEMENT

The board members and the attorney discussed using a private investigator for some enforcement issues. They also discussed municipal civil infractions. Bob Hanvey will bring a sample ordinance to review at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The Livingston County update is included in the packet.

Tammy Beal said the July 25, 2024 board meeting will be held in the lower level.

The Smith case has been assigned to an insurance attorney.

Les Andersen said the information on the HAPRA millage that was included with the tax bills was helpful.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Cathy LeBlanc, 2298 Pingree, asked for clarification on the home-based business and home occupation zoning ordinances.

Andy Herald, 1881 Cedar Lake Road, said that political signs do not belong in the road right-of-way.

ADJOURNMENT

Sandy Donovan motioned to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor Date