

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 2022**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Phil Westmorland – Spicer’s

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

The board members introduced themselves.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mary Killeen resides at 3488 Sesame Drive. Mary mentioned some of her suggestions for future Township meetings. Mary also believes that residents should be offered more time to speak during meetings. Mary also explained that she would like to have more discussions about the funding for Cedar Lake Road.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dan Lowe requested to add discussion about the Consumers Energy gas line to the agenda.

Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Tammy Beal seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the consent agenda. Les Andersen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

Tammy Beal spoke with David Marr at Spicer’s about possibly hiring a Construction Manager to help manage the building addition, instead of a General Contractor. Brian Keeler with Spence Brothers introduced himself and discussed the differences between himself as a Construction Manager and a General Contractor. Spence Brothers offers self-performed in-house trades, such as carpentry and concrete trades. Bob Hanvey asked who prepares the bid packets when using a Construction Manager. Keeler stated that his company would prepare all bid packets for each part of the job. However, the Township would still be involved with choosing each contractor and reviewing each of the bids submitted. Tammy likes the idea of being able to choose the contractors. Scott Lloyd stated that as a General Contractor, he would rather choose the contractors himself then have to go through the bidding process. Bob Hanvey said that we should take some time to digest the information presented.

## **BRENT DRIVE SNOW AND ROAD MAINTENANCE SAD**

Scott Lloyd made a motion for a resolution to schedule the public hearing meeting for Brent Drive snow and road maintenance special assessment, on October 13, 2022. Les Andersen seconded.

**ROLL CALL: Lowe: yes; Lloyd: yes; Beal: yes; Hanvey: yes; Durbin: yes; Andersen: no; Donovan: yes. MOTION CARRIED 6-1**

## **TYLER PRIVATE ROAD**

Mr. Tyler was not present so discussion was postponed.

## **SPANGLER STATUS**

Bob Hanvey said that we are still waiting on a price for the control panel and the two pumps. Phil Westmoreland stated that there is a long lead time because of the type of equipment involved. Bob will continue trying to get more information on this.

## **HOMETOWN UPDATE**

Dan Lowe asked if the purchasers are getting REU's with the purchase of the property. Bob Hanvey said they will not be getting any REU's and they will have to buy new REU's separate from the property. Bob Hanvey recommended that we do a single combined special assessment district for all the parcels. Sandy Donovan said that she would rather not have to keep track of 74 REU's with SAD.

Les Andersen asked if we could ask them if they could purchase and pay off the REU's as they request them. Bob Hanvey said he would ask if that was an option.

## **HOWELL-HIGHLAND REU**

Bob Hanvey explained that to satisfy our agreement with the City of Howell, our Auditor recommends that we update our budgets and payoff the REU's on the property using money from the General Fund. Then after a few days, the Water and Sewer Fund would buy the REU's back from the General Fund.

Scott Lloyd made a motion for a resolution to proceed with the schedule the Township Auditor suggested. Sandy Donovan seconded.

**ROLL CALL: Donovan: yes; Durbin: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes; Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Lowe: yes. MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

## **SEWER/WATER FLOW RATE DATA**

Bob Hanvey reviewed the flow rate data for our water and sewer usage. Phil Westmoreland said that he does have some clients with higher numbers than Marion.

Rick Haslock stated that in Handy Township they went through and sealed all of their manholes and started saving around 4% a day.

Bob Hanvey said we will continue to watch the numbers and see what happens.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC POLICY**

Les Andersen believes that we should have more strict regulations when it comes to the Call to Public.

Greg Durbin likes Bob's version and expressed that the Board Members are here to serve the public and their interests. They should be given ample time to speak during the appropriate time.

Dan Lowe made a motion to accept Supervisor Bob Hanvey's version of the Call to Public Policy. Bob Hanvey seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (Andersen: no)**

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES REQUEST

Tammy Beal made a motion to allow the Livingston County Catholic Charity to use the basement from November 21, 2022 - December 12, 2022. Sandy Donovan seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

## CONSUMERS ENERGY GAS LINE

Dan Lowe said that safety is a huge concern of his regarding this gas line. He was told that their gas line is currently going through our pipe and said this needs to be repaired immediately.

Phil Westmoreland assured the Board that to his knowledge, the gas line is not inside the pipe and only nicked the top of it. Phil agreed that if it is in our pipe at all, then it will be repaired. Phil will watch the videos and take a look at the before and after photos to confirm.

## CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

- **MARION TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION SURVEY**

Bob Hanvey said that more survey responses have come in for the Open Land Preservation Survey and many of the recent responses show that residents are not in favor of paying for Land Preservation programs. Les Andersen thinks that residents do not understand what the survey is proposing.

- **MARION TOWNSHIP TREE**

Bob Hanvey said that the dead tree was removed by the Livingston County Road Commission and it took about 2.50 hours.

- **MARION TOWNSHIP GAZEBO**

Tammy Beal said that the Gazebo is in need of some repairs. A few of the posts appear to be rotting and falling apart. Scott Lloyd said that he would take a look at it.

- **LETTER FROM BILL SCHANK**

Bob Hanvey passed out a letter from Bill Schank stating that he was in favor of preserving green space in Marion Township but had some questions about the program. Bob said that we need to come up with a response to his letter.

- **ENGINE BRAKING SIGNS**

Bob Hanvey said that Putnam Township called and wanted to know where we got our Engine Braking signs.

## CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Frank Immel resides at 4433 Vines Road and has a complaint about the residents at 4385 Cedar Lake Road. Mr. Immel stated that there are commercial vehicles being stored on the property and that vehicles are also being repaired at that property. Mr. Immel doesn't think this should be allowed in a residential area.

## ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Submitted by: J. Timberlake

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk      Date

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Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor      Date