

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 11, 2023**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Gormley, Attorney; Phil Westmoreland, Spicer

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**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**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**ROADS**

Tammy Beal motioned to request a contract from the Livingston County Road Commission (LCRC) for Peavy and Kettle Roads, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**MARION TOWNSHIP WALKING PATH UPDATE**

Phil Westmoreland said he will have an estimate on the design cost for the next meeting.

**MARION TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Tammy Beal reported that the committee met with Schafer Construction last week. They discussed putting in a door to the fire hall, and the option of doing a shingle vs. metal roof and bumping out the assembly hall and putting in a dedicated area for the meeting tables. They will be providing the township with cost information.

A recent renter left the stove burner on, left lights on, and put the flags in an area that was difficult to access. Greg Durbin motioned to not return the deposit to the hall renter. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Donovan said she's getting mixed signals regarding the building expansion and would like definitive answers. Bob Hanvey said the board needs to identify specific uses for an addition and would like the entire board to agree. Les Andersen said he thought what had been approved was maintenance.

**CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES**

No response for this agenda item.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

John Wiley, 4363 Hinchey, asked why the township can't use Parker for elections. Dan Lowe said he's been told that we can. Tammy Beal has concerns about security and the nine days of early voting.

Rick Haslock, the cemetery sexton, said the board should start discussion on expanding Harger Cemetery.

Greg Durbin said the board members need to make a decision on the renovations, new sign, and walking path. There hasn't been agreement on any of these items.

**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY'S OPINION ON REUs**

At 7:56 pm, Sandy Donovan motioned to go into a closed session to discuss the written opinion of our attorney, per MCL 15.268(h) on REU issues because discussion during an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the settlement position of the township. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote—all yeas. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion by Les Andersen to come out of closed session at 8:45 pm, supported by Bob Harvey. Roll call vote-all yeas. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion by Sandy Donovan to proceed as discussed with lawyer during closed session, Scott Lloyd supported. **Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:47pm by Sandy Donovan, supported by Scott Lloyd. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk      Date

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Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor      Date