

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Les Andersen, Tammy Beal, Greg Durbin, Duane Stokes, Scott Lloyd, and Bob Hanvey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Lowe

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Amber and Casey Felkins, 3043 Pingree, were present to ask for an update on the nuisance ordinance. Mrs. Felkins also said many communities have a light ordinance. She has forwarded information to the board members for review. Bob Hanvey asked if she would be willing to draft a document for the board's review. Mr. Felkins said the neighbor is now going to ask for a variance for a second driveway and asked why there are ordinances if people are allowed to not follow them; Mr. Hanvey said some properties have unique circumstances. He also said the nuisance ordinance is being reviewed by the attorney but will have to be approved by the board again, because the 30-day window has passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #6 needs to be changed to Board of Review Appointments. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

BURNHAM & FLOWER PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to accept the proposal from Burnham & Flower for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Property & Casualty insurance, including the terrorism coverage, for a total of \$41,620. Les Andersen seconded. Discussion: Greg Durbin asked for clarification on why "residence" is included; the answer was that some communities have board members working at their home. Roll call vote: Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

2019 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the 2019 Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Stokes, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

BOARD OF REVIEW LETTER APPEALS

Scott Lloyd motioned to adopt a resolution to allow residents to file letter appeals to the Board of Review for 2019, as presented. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Stokes, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Scott Lloyd motioned to appoint Cheryl Range to the Board of Review for the two-year term beginning January 2019. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Greg Durbin motioned to appoint Diane Bockhausen to the Board of Review for the two-year term beginning January 2019. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Les Andersen motioned to appoint Richard Dell to the Board of Review for the two-year term beginning January 2019. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

PARKING LOT LIGHTING

Tammy Beal said the estimate from DTE will be approximately \$1,100 less than was approved, and work should begin in 6-8 weeks. She has talked with Scott Schnute about the building lights and he will submit an estimate.

CRYSTALWOOD ROADS

Bob Hanvey reported that Rick Elkow delivered a check and signed the contract today.

BUILDING ADDITION AND MAINTENANCE

Tammy Beal presented the board with the packet of information/photos on the need for more space. Les Andersen said he would like the board to have a permanent “platform” so that things didn’t have to be continuously moved. He suggested that the board members visit other townships to see different options. Phil Westmoreland said his company does design plans. He said there is no charge for the proposal to do the work.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The next CIRAB meeting is scheduled for January 31, from 8-10 am, at the City of Howell.

A special Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for January 17 at 2 pm to discuss the recent ZBA case on landscape operations.

A motion for summary disposition in the Witkowski case is scheduled for February 7.

A meeting on recreational marijuana sponsored by the MTA Livingston Chapter is scheduled for January 30 at 6:30 pm at the Howell Chamber of Commerce.

The MTA meeting is scheduled for April in Grand Rapids, and those interested in attending should let the clerk know.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Phil Westmoreland, 2995 Sunset Meadow Dr., said he doesn’t want his tax dollars being used on court cases that involve neighbor disputes.

ADJOURNMENT

Duane Stokes motioned to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date