

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2022**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Gormley - Attorney  
Phil Westmorland – Spicer Group

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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**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**LOVES CREEK/SESAME DRIVE SAD SNOW REMOVAL**

Larry Grunn resides on Loves Creek and requested a Resolution to start the five-year Special Assessment District for Loves Creek/Sesame Drive Snow Removal.

Tammy Beal made a motion for a resolution to schedule a public hearing on the creation of the district for September 8, 2022, for Loves Creek/Sesame Drive Snow Removal Special Assessment for five years. Sandy Donovan seconded.

**ROLL CALL: Dan Lowe: yes; Scott Lloyd: abstained; Tammy Beal: yes; Bob Hanvey: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Sandra Donovan: yes. 6-0 MOTION CARRIED**

## **CEDAR LAKE ROAD ESTIMATE**

Dan Lowe would like to see a breakdown for the hill off Cedar Lake just south of Love's Creek and the low spot just south of Jewell Road. Bob Hanvey will request separate quotes for each section from The Livingston County Road Commission.

## **TYLER PRIVATE ROAD**

Mike Tyler is requesting approval of a shared driveway, to access four parcels on a driveway off Bentley Lake Road. Kim Hiller from The Livingston County Road Commission stated in her letter that a permit for this shared driveway may be issued once they receive written approval from Marion Township, granting permission.

John Gormley recommended that Mr. Tyler specifically list which parcels will have access and which parcels will not.

Dan Lowe recommended having a 66-foot easement, even though the ordinance states 33-feet.

Mark Benedetti owns a 10-acre parcel off Bentley Lake Road. Mr. Benedetti is concerned that if the Township approves this request, then this would not resolve the land lock issue for some of the parcels off Bentley Lake Road.

Mr. Tyler stated that he is willing to work with everyone on this.

Bob Hanvey informed Mr. Tyler that he should have the properties surveyed and bring back a sufficient legal description that can be voted on.

## **SPANGLER STATUS**

Bob Hanvey said that we are still waiting on a price for the control panel and the two pumps.

## **HOMETOWN UPDATE**

Bob Hanvey stated that the Homeowners Association is working with Allen Edwin. Bob recommended that the other Board members should start thinking about the Sewer and Water for Hometown. There are a few options available such as:

- Doing individual Special Assessments
- Charge interest only for five years
- Pay-as-you-go for each house
- or any other suggested option.

## **MARION TOWNSHIP TREE**

Bob Hanvey said that the tree in front of the Township office, near Coon Lake Road is in bad shape and needs to be removed.

Les Andersen suggested asking Vinnie with the Livingston County Road Commission if they would remove the tree at no cost or at a discounted rate.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC POLICY**

Les Andersen suggested having a policy for running Township meetings. (Township Board of Trustee meetings, ZBA meetings and Planning Commission meetings.)

Les Andersen read a list of recommendations from the MTA Red Book.

John Gormley stated that you have to offer an opportunity for each member of the public to comment during a public meeting.

Dan Lowe thought that three minutes was not long enough for an individual to speak and suggested allowing five minutes instead.

Bob Hanvey said that we will formalize these recommendations and bring it to the next meeting.

John Gormley stated that each Board will have to adopt their own policy.

**ZBA REPORT**

Dan Lowe stated that there was an interpretation case of Farm Market and road-side stands. The ZBA stated that because of the Right to Farm Act and GAAMPS, the applicant is allowed to have their road-side stand.

**CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES**

Bob Hanvey said that more survey responses have come in for the Open Land Preservation Survey and many of the recent responses are not in favor, which is different from the initial responses.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Tammy Beal is attending a Cemetery class on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, therefor the next Board Meeting packet will not be ready until *Monday - August 22, 2022 after 3:00pm.*

Les Andersen inquired about Township complaints received by telephone.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Sandy Donovan motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

*Submitted by: J. Timberlake*

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Tammy L. Beal, *Township Clerk* (Date)

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Robert W. Hanvey, *Township Supervisor* (Date)