

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2019**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer; Dave Hamann, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Duane Stokes said the item 2 e should be 4th quarter investment report, not 2nd. Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Dan Lowe said he thinks the ordinance is too detailed, and that "Section 1" is all that is needed. Cheryl Range said the first draft was more general, and the PC members and planner wanted more detail. This ordinance is modeled on Howell Township's ordinance. Greg Durbin said he feels it's framework for a good ordinance, and gives the township the ability to do something when complaints are received. Bob Hanvey suggested using it as a reference, but don't enact it.

Dan Lowe motioned to have the trustees make suggestions and bring back to the next meeting. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Tammy Beal said the insurance agent says the township needs an ordinance for fireworks. The sample she provided is for big displays, not for individuals. Dan Lowe suggested one sentence that states that no fireworks allowed without a permit except for the days permitted by state law. Les Andersen motioned to have the supervisor and attorney work on this ordinance. Greg Durbin seconded. Discussion: Tammy Beal will put a copy of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (PA 256 of 2011) in the next board packet. **Motion carried.**

PEAFOWL COMPLAINT

Bob Hanvey said because the peafowl are in the Wellhead Protection Area, Right-to-Farm is not in effect. The zoning ordinance requires a minimum of two acres, and the parcels on Bonnie Circle are less than that. Therefore, the peafowl are not allowed. Greg Durbin motioned to have the zoning administrator send a letter advising both the property owner and tenant that the peafowls are not allowed and give them a time limit to comply. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

LISA MAHER SEWER LEAD

Bob Hanvey talked with the property owner and she doesn't want another drain field, she wants to hook up to sewer. Phil Westmoreland discussed the option of grinder pumps. Les Andersen motioned to authorize Spicer to provide design engineering for this project and to contact two or three contractors. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLISHING NOTIFICATIONS

Les Andersen motioned to authorize the clerk to use Fowlerville News & Views as an additional source for publishing notices. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

HARGER CEMETERY PLOTS

Les Andersen motioned to authorize the clerk to buy back four cemetery plots from the original owner. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Stokes, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Les Andersen asked about pending litigation. Bob Hanvey said AJR has refiled and the trial is scheduled for 6/22/2020.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:02 pm. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date