

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Lloyd

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Charlie Musson, former trustee and planning commissioner, who passed away this morning.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Wendy Busick, 4746 Hawthorne, was present to discuss a business that's being run out of a neighbor's home. She said there are often 8-9 vehicles, some unlicensed; the property owner has made a parking lot in his yard and has a sign for the business; he's doing mechanical and body repairs on the premises. She has contacted the State of Michigan and was told that they don't know how this was allowed, and all they need is for the zoning administrator to notify them that this is not permitted in a residential area. Les Andersen asked about a beige pole barn and if anyone lives in it; the answer was yes, sometimes. Bob Hanvey said he would like the zoning administrator to do an inspection and report back to the board.

Kay Johnson, 3235 Pingree, said the lighting at 3157 Pingree is a nuisance, there should be time and wattage restrictions for lighting, and wants to preserve the neighborhood.

Scott Baker, 3140 Pingree, said the lighting is obnoxious and isn't casual lighting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items #9—Meadows Consent Judgment Meeting Time, #10—Green Sheet Delivery, #11—Howell Landscape, and #12—Marion Creek were added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

TRI STAR ELECTRICAL ESTIMATE

Duane Stokes said that at the very least, he would like the outside lighting on the building repaired or replaced. Dan Lowe said that Tri Star's estimate is too high and would like other estimates.

Dan Lowe motioned to get estimates from Haigh Electric and one other. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

BOARD OF REVIEW ALTERNATE

Tammy Beal motioned to appoint Barbara Hamann as the Board of Review alternate for 2019-20. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

SAMPLE LIGHTING ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Dan Lowe said the lighting situation on Pingree Road should be considered a nuisance and the attorney can handle it. Bob Hanvey said he would discuss with the attorney. Tammy Beal read an excerpt from Howell Township's general ordinance. Greg Durbin thought it was the type of ordinance the township needs. Les Andersen motioned to have the Planning Commission review the Howell Township ordinance regarding lighting. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Bob Hanvey provided an email from IT Right about the computer equipment. He agrees that the township needs to be updated and would like IT Right to handle it as they work closely with BSA, who provides much of the software. He estimates it may cost at least \$20,000. The board members discussed having another company give an estimate. Les Andersen motioned to get a quote from IT Right to upgrade equipment and 11 work stations. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

HOMETOWN ICE RINK REQUEST

Duane Stokes motioned to deny the request from Hometown Village for an ice rink on township property due to liability concerns. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

ZBA REPORT

Dan Lowe reported that the ZBA heard one case for a second driveway on Pingree that was denied.

MEADOWS CONSENT JUDGMENT MEETING TIME

Bob Hanvey said the board members need to set a date/time for this meeting; they agreed on Wednesday, February 27 at 10 am.

GREEN SHEET DELIVERY

Dan Lowe said he talked with someone at the paper and they weren't receptive. He would like the letter that the township attorney sent several years ago to be updated and sent again.

HOWELL LANDSCAPE

Dan Lowe said that the 21-day time limit has passed, and this operation doesn't meet the definition that the ZBA came up with. Bob Hanvey said that the zoning administrator sent a letter regarding the land use for a pole barn; the owner will have to go to the Planning Commission for site plan review. Mr. Lowe said the trucking issue hasn't been resolved; Mr. Hanvey said he will discuss with the attorney.

MARION CREEK

Dan Lowe said that sewer inspections aren't being done as required; this process should be the same as Crystalwood.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The Livingston County Commissions update is included in the packet.

An open house for the Livingston County Transit Master Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 from 4-6:30 pm at Clearly University's Johnson Center.

A webinar on PFAs is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 1-2 pm.

Tammy Beal said the meeting with Spicer on the building addition was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Les Andersen said that Tyrone Township is looking at an ordinance for garbage and he's interested to see what they come up with.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Kay Johnson, 3235 Pingree, asked the board members what exactly is considered a nuisance with regard to lighting. They said anything that leaves the property.

Amber Felkins, 3043 Pingree, asked if there was a limit on the number of lights. DTE has indicated there is a remedy for the pole light, but the property owner isn't interested. Bob Hanvey said he would mention the DTE remedies to the attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date