

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Lloyd, Dan Lowe

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

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

Yvonne Black, a Marion Township resident, was present to introduce herself to the board members as a candidate for the 47th District State House of Representatives, currently held by Hank Vaupel. Bob Hanvey asked what experience Ms. Black has; she said nothing politically, but said she is familiar with legislation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MHOG

Bob Hanvey asked the board members if they have any questions about the recommendation from Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka about funding this project and long term, having MHOG takeover from all of the townships.

FINAL REVIEW—REVISED TXT #03-18 SECTION 17.32 HOME-BASED BUSINESS

This item was tabled from the last meeting; Les Andersen said because there are two board members absent, he'd rather wait to vote. He also said he doesn't want current businesses shut down, but doesn't think that new ones should be approved going forward. Tammy Beal was concerned that existing businesses would have to comply with the new ordinance. Greg Durbin said that the ordinance cannot be selectively enforced; it should apply to everyone. Jim Anderson, Planning Commission member, said the Planning Commission didn't feel the current ordinance has enough "teeth." Les Andersen suggested that the township get an ordinance enforcement officer after the elections. Bob Hanvey said that the board has approved Carlisle Wortman to handle enforcement issues.

Greg Durbin motioned to approve TXT #03-18—Section 17.32 Home-based Business with item O modified as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Les Andersen motioned to approve the August 2019 draft version of the Development Standards. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

ROADS

An email from Phil Westmoreland was passed out; he feels that Schafer and Burkhart are his #1 and #2 choices for maintenance. He said that Cedar Lake Road is probably so bad that he'd let it die completely. Norton Road can wait one year, two maximum, before another chip seal. He will find out what work Howell Township is having done on Burkhart. Les Andersen motioned to authorize Phil Westmoreland to take these two projects (Schafer and Burkhart) to the Livingston County Road Commission. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Westmoreland said he's preparing the scope of service for the "hill" on Cedar Lake Road near Love's Creek and will submit it for the next meeting.

PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Jim Anderson, 84 Cranbrook Drive, presented the board members with the information he's gathered on open space and farm land preservation. He said that Barry Lonik of Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. in Dexter, Michigan is the recognized leader in the state to help guide government agencies in securing preserved land. Mr. Lonick would be willing to give an educational presentation to the community. Tammy Beal motioned to have Barry Lonick give a presentation on this topic to the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, and any interested members of the community for \$200, date to be determined. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Stokes, Durbin, Hanvey, Beal, Andersen—all yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

The board members discussed various ways to publicize the meeting: Facebook, postcard, website, WHMI, Fowlerville News & Views, newsletter.

CIRAB

Bob Hanvey said they have been working on figuring out the funding for the necessary improvements to the Howell City sewer treatment plant. The engineers have estimated approximately \$14 million. The township's engineer has reviewed Hubbell, Roth & Clark's plan. This will not increase capacity at the plant. Some of the upgrades are bundled to save money. The \$14 million will come from the state revolving fund. Some of the project will be funded by Pepsi, who will have their industrial waste treated at the city's plant. The township's share will be approximately \$3.5 million. The city will apply for the loan but they have to support where the money is coming from, so they need agreements from the township and Pepsi. The repayment will start when the project is done.

Erv Suida and Mike Arens will attend an upcoming meeting to discuss this project.

Andy Herald, 1881 Cedar Lake Road, wanted to know where the money comes from; Mr. Hanvey said no tax money will be used for the project.

Jim Anderson said he thinks that Pepsi is getting a very good deal if they're only contributing \$4 million.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The variance request by Padnos for the shredder on Lucy Road was turned down by the City of Howell ZBA.

First National Bank has been bought by Ann Arbor Savings Bank; the transition will take place sometime this fall.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Yvonne Black said her focus when going to Lansing is to reduce debt; she said Michigan has \$136 billion in debt based on information she received after contacting the Mackinaw Center. Bruce Powelson, 3466 Pingree, suggested that Ms. Black check sources other than the Mackinaw Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date