

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2022**

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

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

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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**

Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**LOVES CREEK/SESAME DRIVE SAD SNOW REMOVAL: PUBLIC HEARING**

Les Andersen made a motion for a resolution to approve the roll for the Loves Creek/Sesame Drive snow removal special assessment. Sandy Donovan seconded.

**ROLL CALL: Lowe: yes; Lloyd: abstained; Beal: yes; Hanvey: yes; Durbin: yes; Andersen: yes; Donovan: yes. 6-0 MOTION CARRIED**

**BRENT DRIVE SNOW AND ROAD MAINTENANCE SAD: PUBLIC HEARING**

Tammy Beal made a motion for a resolution to approve the creation of the District for Brent Drive snow removal and road maintenance special assessment and schedule a public hearing for November 17, 2022 at 7pm. Greg Durbin seconded.

**ROLL CALL: Donovan: yes; Durbin: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes; Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Lowe: yes. 7-0 MOTION CARRIED**

**WINTERWOOD DRIVE SAD SNOW REMOVAL**

Les Andersen made a motion for a resolution to set a public hearing on October 27, 2022 at 7pm for Winterwood Drive's snow removal special assessment. Tammy Beal seconded.

**ROLL CALL: Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Donovan: yes; Durbin: yes; Lowe: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes. 7-0 MOTION CARRIED**

## **HOMETOWN AGREEMENT**

Bob Hanvey explained the different options available for Hometown's REU purchase. John Gormley, the Township Attorney, suggested selling the REU's at the regular price without a discount.

Les Andersen made a motion to sell the Hometown REU's to the purchaser and have them pay as they need them. Tammy Beal seconded. **7-0 MOTION CARRIED**

## **SPANGLER STATUS**

Bob Hanvey explained that for two pumps and a control panel, it is going to cost around \$30,000. The Spangler's will not be able to get the equipment for a few months. Phil Westmoreland suggested using a low-pressure grinder pump for the four homes.

Les Andersen made a motion for a resolution to ask the Spangler's if they want to install a drain field and get refunded for what they already paid or have Phil Westmoreland provide an estimate for the grinder pump. Tammy Beal seconded.

**ROLL CALL: Hanvey: yes; Lowe: yes; Durbin: yes; Beal: yes; Lloyd yes; Donovan: yes; Andersen: yes. 7-0 MOTION CARRIED**

## **HARPA REPORT**

Tammy explained that Howell Parks and Rec would like feedback on the possible contribution increase. We are currently paying \$113,000 annually and it could increase by about 5% or HAPRA was considering a millage in 2024.

HAPRA would also like to build a permanent buck pole to avoid having to re-assemble the current one each year.

Genoa Township just purchased 90 acres and are planning to put in walking trails and other outdoor recreation.

## **SPARK GRANT**

Tammy discussed applying for a federal grant called the Spark Grant. The Spark Grant is a federally funded grant for outside recreation. Tammy would like to look into possibly adding some pickle-ball courts, playground equipment and a walking path. Phil Westmoreland with Spicer's would be able to help with the application process. Phil explained that the deadline for next year's funds is Spring of 2023. There is also a DNR Trust Fund grant that is a State funded grant, but it is very competitive. Scott Lloyd commented about doing an overall plan before submitting the application, so we have a good idea of everything's location. Bob Hanvey said we could get started on the application after the November 2022 election.

## **MARION TOWNSHIP ADDITION**

Tammy Beal stated that the building committee met with the architect & engineer and wanted to know what the next steps were regarding the Township addition. Phil Westmoreland said that we need to interview different Construction Managers and then bring a select few to the Board meeting, for a second interview. Dan Lowe expressed his concerns with the addition. Residents in the audience commented on the Township addition. Tammy Beal explained that conducting elections out of one building is a more secure process. The community uses our facility for various events and she would like to be able to offer a larger space for residents in the community to take advantage of. Our limited storage space is also a major concern because currently we have things being stored in every area of the building making day-to-day tasks very difficult. We would also like to have a conference room and a more adequate space for the assessing department. In addition to adding on to the building, the existing building needs maintenance.

## **CEMETERY ORDINANCE**

Tammy Beal explained that our new Township Sexton Rick Haslock has been receiving some very unusual inquiries regarding our Cemeteries. Inquiries such as residents asking to bury their loved one's cremains. We need to make this amendment to our ordinance official, so we have better control over our cemeteries.

Tammy Beal made a motion for a resolution to approve the new Cemetery ordinance for Marion Township. Les Andersen seconded.

**ROLL CALL: Donovan: yes; Beal: yes; Andersen: yes; Lowe: yes; Hanvey: yes; Lloyd: yes; Durbin: yes. 7-0 MOTION CARRIED**

## **HIGH HILLCREST FLOOD ISSUE**

Bob Hanvey discussed the flood issue on High Hillcrest and said that at times it is a hazard to those traveling on this road. Dan Lowe stated that he would contact MDOT about the issue.

**ROADS**

Les Andersen discussed doing a chip and seal on County Farm Road between M155 and Jewell Road. Phil Westmorland said that we should put Norton Road back on the list for repairs.

Les Andersen made a motion to request pricing from the Livingston County Road Commission for part of County Farm Road (M-155 to Jewell Road) and also for an HMA Wedge for Coon Lake Road. Tammy Beal seconded. **7-0 MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES**

Les Andersen inquired about site plans for a particular Landscape Supply business in Marion Township. John Gormley explained that, it depends on if the applicant has had a change of use. John suggested having our Zoning Administrator look into it. Bob Hanvey said that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony next Friday, October 21 at 1pm for the new sewer plant addition.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Two individuals from the public spoke about Pickle-Ball and would love to see Marion Township have some indoor or outdoor Pickle-Ball courts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Tammy Beal 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