

MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2024

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also available to attend online.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the May 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes was removed from the consent agenda and moved to the end of the agenda. Greg Durbin motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Sandy Donovan motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

BALDWIN SHOW CAUSE HEARING

No one was present on behalf of this item. Dan Lowe said he understands the dogs are back and they are violating *General Provision Section 6.02 A* regarding wild or vicious animals and the definition of wild animals in *Definitions Section 3.02*. Bob Hanvey said that will be passed along to the attorney.

Tammy Beal motioned to forward this item to the attorney for action. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

2024 MARION TOWNSHIP ROAD UPDATES

Dan Low said Davis Road is about done. Bob Hanvey asked him to drive by; he thought there where high spots where they shouldn't be.

Tammy Beal said there was a wash out on Hinchey Road when a culvert failed; they crushed it and put down gravel. They will replace the culvert later.

MARION TOWNSHIP CLEANING

Les Andersen said the cleaning job should be advertised in the newspaper and social media and bids received, including providing proof of insurance. Bob Hanvey said the cleaning person has always been hired through the clerk's office, and there is no requirement to gather bids.

Linda Manson-Dempsey, 3076 W. Coon Lake Road, said hiring people you find on social media is very unreliable.

Gary Dunn, 893 Hurley, said he has experience hiring cleaning crews through the American Legion and the township should keep what they have if they're doing a good job.

Les Andersen motioned to have Tammy Beal prepare specifications for the cleaning position for the board to review at the next meeting. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion failed 3-4 (Beal, Donovan, Durbin, Hanvey—no.)**

JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT

In the packet are the responses to Bob Hanvey's email to township supervisors requesting information on code enforcement job descriptions. Les Andersen said Hartland Township's looked the most appealing with two days per week and \$23 per hour.

After discussion, Les Andersen motioned to have the Planning Commission and the planner come up with a job description for enforcement for two days per week. Dan Lowe seconded. **Motion carried 6-1 (Donovan—no.)**

MARION TOWNSHIP PLAYGROUND

Tammy Beal provided renderings and estimates for multiple playsets. The board members discussed the surface that the equipment would be placed on (wood/pour-in-place/rubber, etc.) The prices on the estimates are good through the middle of June.

Kayla Trapp, 4055 W. Coon Lake Road, asked what park this would be placed in? Tammy Beal said the park at the township hall.

Nancy Manson, 3346 W. Coon Lake Road, said she feels the area should be fenced.

Linda Manson-Dempsey, 3076 W. Coon Lake Road, said she doesn't believe it should be fenced. The material used, if similar to Little Tykes, lasts for a long time.

Kayla Trapp agreed there should not be a fence and she prefers Options B or C because of the climbing and monkey bars.

Sandy Donovan motioned to approve purchase of the equipment in Option B, in green, with a cost of \$117,121. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Donovan, Beal, Durbin, Lloyd, Hanvey, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

MAY 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the May 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin—yes; Donovan—no; Hanvey—yes; Lloyd—yes; Beal—yes; Andersen—yes; Lowe—yes. **Motion carried 6-1 (Donovan—no.)**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

The monthly Livingston County Update is included in the packet.

Bob Hanvey has posted "No Trespassing" signs at Hometown Village Phase III; he has reached out to the sheriff's department, but hasn't received a response yet.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Lisa Kirk, 2935 High Meadows, asked what will be sent to the attorney regarding the Baldwin show cause hearing. Bob Hanvey said everything the township has on this situation.

Dennette Kreutzkamp, 3336 Pingree, asked if she could get a copy of the playground equipment configurations. Tammy Beal said they are in the board packet on the website.

Dan Lowe asked about the Sexton Road situation; Bob Hanvey said he will check with the attorney regarding notifying the property owner to discontinue his operation.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:39 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date