

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Lloyd, Greg Durbin, Sandy Donovan, Bob Hanvey, Tammy Beal (remotely from second home), Les Andersen, and Dan Lowe

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Forrest Wyckoff, 3145 Cedar Lake Road, asked if the LCRC responded to the township’s inquiry about why they’re using limestone instead of 21AA. Bob Hanvey said that the engineer was going to discuss that with the road commission and he’s on vacation. Dan Lowe said he thought that 21AA wasn’t available; Forrest Wyckoff said it is, just not in the immediate area.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SEWER CONNECTION CONTRACTORS

No action on this item at this time.

TRI-STAR ESTIMATE

An estimate was received from Tri-Star to convert the light fixtures to LED. Dan Lowe said he thought the bulbs should be at least 5,000. Les Andersen motioned to approve the estimate from Tri-Star for \$2,475, with the employees specifying the brightness. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Lowe, Scott Lloyd, Tammy Beal, Bob Hanvey, Greg Durbin, Les Andersen, Sandy Donovan—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT BID SPECS

Bob Hanvey said he received an email at 3:30 today from Phil Westmoreland regarding the parking lot. The surveyors will start on Friday or Monday. He is also still discussing Schafer Road with the LCRC.

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution approving the modified COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Sandy Donovan, Greg Durbin, Bob Hanvey, Scott Lloyd, Tammy Beal, Les Andersen, Dan Lowe—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

2021-22 ROADS/2021 ROADSIDE PICKUP BID

Bob Hanvey said the contracts have been signed for Triangle Lake Road and Burkhart Road; they are still working on Schafer Road.

Les Andersen motioned to accept the proposal from Gorski Hauling for the 2021 spring roadside clean up with an estimated cost of \$3,000, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Tammy Beal, Les Andersen, Sandy Donovan, Greg Durbin, Dan Lowe, Bob Hanvey, Scott Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

TRANSFER OF SEWER REUs

The township received an inquiry from Allen-Edwin about transferring sewer REUs to Tamarack Place from property under different ownership. Bob Hanvey asked the board members for their thoughts on that process. The board members agreed that an attorney should review this. Greg Durbin motioned to have the attorney review this situation. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Funds are available from the federal government through the state, and the estimate for Marion Township is \$1,102,415. The township would receive half within 90 days and the rest one year later. There are restrictions on what the funds can be used for. Dan Lowe and Les Andersen said the township needs more information. Tammy Beal said she asked the attorney to review.

Les Andersen motioned to take no action on this item at this time. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Bob Hanvey said he received an email from SEMCOG regarding the Peavy Road bridge repairs, scheduled for 2023. The total cost will be approximately \$1.5 million, with the federal government paying \$1 million and the LCRC the remainder.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Scott Lloyd asked if the advertising signs on all of the street corners could be removed. Bob Hanvey said yes, it's been done in the past. The township can either call people to remove them or bring them back to the township hall for them to pick up.

Stephanie Shinaberry, 3090 Sesame, asked if the township has plans to pave Cedar Lake Road. The board members discussed the site distance review; Dan Lowe said the hill is a safety issue.

Scott Borchardt, 3389 Sesame, asked if the township had plans to bring back the recycle bins; the answer was no.

Les Andersen asked if the board needed to pass another motion to allow Jim Anderson to pursue having a presentation on farmland preservation for the Planning Commission; Bob Hanvey said it's not necessary.

Bob Hanvey said the Livingston County Board of Commissioners passed an emergency measure to allow municipalities to continue with online meetings.

The Master Plan was received and should be reviewed by all board members. Public hearings will have to be scheduled.

Les Andersen said he would like whomever the township chooses for the assistant assessor position to at least have a "level 3."

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date