

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer; Attorney John Gormley

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

Discussion on blacktop roads was added to the Marion Township Roads agenda item. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Donovan, Beal, Durbin, Lloyd, Hanvey, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried.**

TRIANGLE LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING FOR CREATING THE DISTRICT

Bob Hanvey explained the process for creating the district and how to object. The public hearing was opened at 7:34 pm. No comments were heard, and the public hearing was closed. Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the creation of the Triangle Lake Aquatic Weed Management and Goose Control Special Assessment District, as presented, and to set a public hearing for the roll on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Donovan, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

MARION TOWNSHIP ROADS

Tammy Beal said she hasn't heard back from the foreman, Vinnie, regarding the speed limit on County Farm and Sexton. John Goodnough, 2256 Sexton, presented the board with his concerns about the speed limit on those roads. Lyvindia Pigg, Tracey Martineau, and Loretta, 2274 Sexton, all agreed with Mr. Goodnough's concerns.

The LCRC will only be cost-sharing on 30 miles for the entire county; Cedar Lake Road was suggested.

Les Andersen provided the board members with a copy of the five-year maintenance plan for review. Phil Westmoreland said the county will not be doing any chip seal this year. Phil will talk with the Road Commission regarding chip seal.

WINTERWOOD DRIVE SAD ADJUSTMENT

No new information on this project. Bob Hanvey suggested that the bills for Debottis, Spicer and the advertising could be put on this winter's tax bill.

CRYSTAL WOOD TREES

John Gormley provided the board members with a proposed amendment to the 2013 court order; Cathy Hulett has signed it. Les Andersen motioned to allow the supervisor to sign the amendment with typo corrections. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy Beal motioned to have the seven (7) trees for Crystal Wood II ordered and installed as soon as possible. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

The board members discussed the resolution to determine the location of twenty (20) trees pursuant to the Crystal Wood consent judgment. Dan Lowe said they are supposed to be along his property line. Sandy Donovan motioned to adopt a resolution to determine the location of twenty (20) trees pursuant to the Crystal Wood consent judgment, with changes. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Hanvey—yes; Lowe—abstained; Durbin—yes; Beal—yes; Lloyd—yes; Donovan—yes; Andersen—yes. **Resolution passed 6-0** (Lowe abstained.)

CITY OF HOWELL WATER DISCHARGE UPDATE

Phil Westmoreland updated the board members on this project. The wells are in and a test was done, which was acceptable. Once they are running, it will be tested daily.

DISC GOLF COURSE TOURNAMENT PERMISSION

A request was made by Nolan Johnson to hold a disc golf tournament. It would be a one-day event, from 9 am-3 pm, and he would like to close the course to the public. After discussion, the board members said they were not in favor of shutting down the course or allowing the tournament.

BUCK POLE

Les Andersen motioned to approve an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for a new buck pole. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Hanvey, Lloyd, Durbin—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Tammy Beal said that five (5) dog waste stations have been purchased and will need to be installed. Scott Lloyd, Les Andersen, and Tammy Beal volunteered.

Dan Lowe asked about the bills for the walking path. Tammy Beal said that \$108,000 was paid last fiscal year, \$268,000 was paid this fiscal year, and a \$90,000 retainer was held back for erosion and silt fence removal.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

An email was received from Jim Witkowski regarding CREO's. John Gormley advised the board to get an opinion from Michael Homier. Les Andersen motioned to have the supervisor get a written opinion from Michael Homier on CREO vs. ordinance. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy Beal provided the board members with information on the purchase of a boardroom camera; she asked the board members to review for discussion at the next meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Forrest Wyckoff, 3145 Cedar Lake Road, said he feels that changing the speed limit is a waste of time; the speed limit needs to be enforced, not changed.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date