

Township of Marilla Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023, 6:30pm - In-Person Meeting
9991 Marilla Road, Copemish Mi. 49625

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Douglas Glick, Township Supervisor. Pledge. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum.

Present: Vegter, Glick, Cundey, Bay, Bahr

Abs: None

Visitors: Chris Bay - D. Treasurer, Jan & Bob Thomas, Phyllis Cholette, Pat Milliron,

Approval of Minutes:

8/8/2023: Motion to approve minutes made by Vegter and seconded by Cudney. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Floor opened to public comment and questions at 6:34 pm

Floor closed to public comment and questions at 6:35 pm

New business

1. Bat Remediation: Calls have been made by the Township Manager/Clerk and those who have called back have not been interested in the project; to far, steel roof, etc. Cudney reached out through Angi List online and was connected with a company called Wildlife Management and Rescue from Houghton Lake. They would like to come and do an inspection of the hall. There is a charge of \$179 but will be subtracted from the estimate if the company is chosen to do the work.
2. Assessor Audit: Glick reported that there is a corrective action plan and that the assessor, Jared Litwiller, will contact Cudney to update the website to provide additional information as needed.
3. ORV Ordinance: Jessica Sorrenson from Manistee County has contacted the township to get the current ORV ordinance. An ordinance was not located and the copy she had was not signed. The board decided not to make any changes at this time. Cudney will contact the county and keep their draft as is for Marilla.
4. ZBA: Janet Howes was asked to join the Zoning Board of Appeals. She has accepted. Glick made a motion to appoint Janet Howes to the ZBA. Motion was seconded by Vetger. All in favor. Motion approved.

Walter (Sonny) Rewerts has joined the Planning Commission as an alternative member but has been replacing the chair, Mike Picciotti, temporarily. He has also offered to be on the ZBA as the planning commission member. The members of the ZBA would then be: Bruce Bahr, Walter Rewerts and Janet Howes.

It was also discussed that there should be a minimum of one meeting and one training per year for the ZBA.

Old business

1. Township items have been disposed of per last month's motion.
2. Electrician Mike Flatman is coming to look at and possibly replace the sensors in the outdoor lights. The furnace will be inspected per the contract with Moore Mechanical on September 19th.
3. Fall Clean up has been confirmed with Guthries and will be held Oct 14, 2023 8-12 pm at the township hall.
4. The solar ordinance is on hold as the legislation is introducing state controlled energy bills this week. A solar ordinance would be useless if it is passed.

Douglas Glick - Supervisor Report

Glick attended a Manistee Forward meeting and reported about pone tracking and tourism.

Misty Cudney - Clerk Report

Presented bills and payroll. Motion to accept and pay the bills as presented made by Glick and seconded by Bay. All in favor. Motion passed.

Camie Bay - Treasurer Report

Financial Report August 2023			
Cemetery/Timber	\$51,582.77		
<i>General Account</i>			
22 Commercial Forest	\$211.19		
Summer Tax income	\$2,004.79		
land use	\$910.00		
Bills paid	\$4,166.75		
Interest	\$3.44		
Balance when everything is in LEDGER	\$133,591.98		

Steven Vegter/Bruce Bahr: Township Trustee Report

Zoning Administrator: Misty Cudney (interim)

An after the fact fence permit and a home addition permit was issued this month.

*Approved

A public hearing is scheduled regarding the zoning amendment request for Sept 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the township hall. Notice was sent to individuals, utilities, posted online, and posted in the Aug 28 Manistee Advocate.

Warning letters have been sent to three more properties and communication has been mailed to past violators about the fall clean up day.

Cemetery Committee: Bruce Bahr

Still trying to find help with the cemetery garbage installation. Pat Miliron has offered to help if asked. Bahr is going to meet with Ron Brown regarding the cemetery drives. Cemetery committee is interested in looking into the Dreampt CIS software for the plotting of the cemetery.

Planning Commission Report: Steven Vegter

Would like to get tax code information for the master plan update. Cudney will contact Jared Litwiller for that information.

Motion to adjourn made by Bahr and seconded by Vegter. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Cudney, Marilla Township Clerk