

Township of Marilla Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024 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: Glick, Cudney, Bay, Vegter

Abs: Bahr

Visitors: Chris Bay - D. Treasurer, Jan Thomas - PC Sec, Bob Thomas

Approval of Minutes:

1/09/2024: Motion to approve minutes made by Vegter and seconded by Bay. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Floor opened to public comment and questions at 6:32 pm

Floor closed to public comment and questions at 6:33 pm

New business

1. EGLE Presentation of pilot program to assist with renewable energy resources in Michigan. A motion was made to express interest to EGLE in participating in the pilot program if selected by Glick and seconded by Cudney. All in favor, motion passed. Glick will send an email to the EGLE group who presented via online.
2. Networks Northwest and Manistee County Planning are working together and would like to present to the board in April regarding a county wide zoning opportunity. Glick will communicate to them that they will be on our agenda.
3. 2024 Poverty guidelines were presented to the board as provided by our assessor. Glick moved to accept the guidelines as written in the resolution, it was seconded by Vegter. Roll call vote. Aye: Glick, Verger, Bay and Cudney. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Old business

1. Sexton Description/Contract: Cudney did not place an ad as our contracted lawn maintenance company has expressed an interest in contracting for the position. Golden Sun will join us for our March meeting and discuss the details.
2. Assessment of email use has concluded that email addresses offered by the township will be reduced to the five board members and the planning chair to help save on recurring yearly costs. Email services are provided by our website company, STG.

3. Discussion of online payments: nothing new to report.

Douglas Glick - Supervisor Report

Discussion of a percentage of cemetery plot sales to be designated to the Cemetery fund for future projects, as well as a discussion of cemetery burial costs and administrative fees.

Misty Cudney - Clerk Report

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

Camie Bay - Treasurer Report

Financial Report December 2023			
<i>Cemetery/Timber</i>		\$36,822.09	
<i>General Account</i>		\$122,429.68	
Tax Money Rcv'd		\$23,300.11	
Election Reimbursement		\$914.097	
Funeral		\$1200.00	
Swampland Tax		\$2,489.52	
Bills paid	\$11,120.06		
Revenue Sharing		\$7,812.00	
Interest		\$3.52	
Balance in LEDGER		\$146,803.64	
<i>Winter Tax Account</i>			
Interest		\$3.59	
Money Deposit		\$186,082.70	
Withdrawals/Checks out	\$100,353.20		
Balance in LEDGER		\$85,729.50	

Steven Vegter/Bruce Bahr: Township Trustee Report

*Approved March 12, 2024

Zoning Administrator: Misty Cudney (interim)

One permit for a garage. Talked to previous contracted Mission North, Rob Bachagullipi about helping with the finalization of the Master Plan and future land use map, he does not have time but recommended talking with Rob Carsen at Networks Northwest or Katie Mehl at Manistee County Planning commission.

Cemetery Committee: Bruce Bahr (Abs)

*Cemetery restoration information provided by MTA post section from Jerry Spitler, Cannon Township, Deputy Supervisor Office: #616-874-6966 Email: jspitler@cannontwp.org

Planning Commission Report: Steven Vegter

Dates for 2024 Planning Commission meetings have been set and a schedule for finalizing the 2023/24 Master Plan has been set.

Meetings set for

Feb 6, 2024 6:30 PM

Mar 5, 2024 6:30 PM

Apr 2, 2024 6:30 PM

*Final draft of Master Plan for public review due

Jul 2, 2024 6:30 PM

*Final approval of Master Plan and Board Resolution

Sep 3, 2024 6:30 PM

Dec 3, 2024 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn made by Vegter and seconded by Bay. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Cudney, Marilla Township Clerk