

**Township of Marilla Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 2024 6:30pm - In-Person Meeting**  
9991 Marilla Road, Copemish Mi. 49625

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Misty Cudney, Township Clerk.  
Pledge. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum.

**Present:** Cudney, Bay, Vegter, Glick (arrived 6:40pm)                      **Abs:** Bahr  
**Visitors:** Chris Bay - D. Treasurer, Jan Thomas - PC Sec, Bob Thomas, Matt Ellis -  
Golden Sun, Mike Picchiotti - PC

**Approval of Minutes:**

**2/13/2024:** Motion to approve minutes made by Bay and seconded by Vegter. 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. Manistee County Land Bank and Planning Department - Katie Mehl introduced the land bank to the board and talked about the improvement projects in the county.
2. Tiny Developers email discussion - Would like to provide tiny homes within the county for less financially stable individuals. Zoning and the planning commission will discuss housing size minimums.
3. Housing North Financial Request (email) Board discussed the financial request and Glick will reply stating at this time the township does not have additional funds.

**Old business**

1. EGLE - Update email. The township is still up for consideration.
2. Mason Lake Conservation - Glick made a motion to renew our contract with Mason Lake Conservation Hazard Waste Program, Vegter seconded. All in favor. Motion Passed.
3. Discussion of online payments: Cudney moved to open a new account at Honor Bank to use for the sole purpose of collecting online payments, Glick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Passed.

**Douglas Glick - Supervisor Report**

**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**

<b>Financial Report February 2024</b>			
<b><i>Cemetery/Timber</i></b>		\$36,822.09	
<b><i>General Account</i></b>			
Tax Money Rcv'd		\$12,765.26	
LCSA		\$10.96	
Plot Sale		\$600.00	
Permits		\$75.00	
Bills paid		\$10,395.61	
Interest		\$3.60	
Balance in LEDGER		\$149,862.69	
<b><i>Winter Tax Account</i></b>			
Interest		\$4.15	
Money Deposit		\$153923.29	
Withdrawals/Checks out		\$143,899.04	
Settlement Checks sent out		\$94,757.90	
Balance in LEDGER		\$1,000.59	

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented made by Glick, seconded by Vegter. All in favor. Motion Passed.

**Steven Vegter/Bruce Bahr: Township Trustee Report**

Vegter - Broadband map discussion

**Zoning Administrator: Misty Cudney**

Talking with Katie Mehl about the county helping us update our current and future land use map. Some calls on property sales and value. Letter received from residents about the tax increases. Board discussed and Glick will respond to the letter.

**Cemetery Committee: Bruce Bahr (Abs)**

Matt Ellis from Golden Sun discussed the Sexton position. It was agreed that he would like to contract for the position with the agreement of \$100 retainer per month (\$1200 per year) to include an average of 5 hours of cemetery work per month (60 hrs/yr). Any time worked above would be paid at the \$20 per hour and burial prices would be paid out at \$500 for full burial and \$200 for cremation burial. The township will set and post rates going forward. Motion to accept these terms was made by Glick and seconded by Vegter. All in favor. Motion Passed.

**Planning Commission Report: Mike Picchiotti**

Picchiotti presented the planning commission's recommendation for an updated ORV ordinance. A public hearing was held on March 5th at 6:30 pm at the beginning of the Planning Commission meeting. Three residents were present. The board agreed to send it on to the County for their 30 day review.

Motion to adjourn made by Vegter and seconded by Bay. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Cudney, Marilla Township Clerk