

MARILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016 @ 7 pm
Marilla Township Hall
Approved Minutes

- Pledge of Allegiance:** Said at 7 pm, regular meeting called to order by Supervisor Neil Crawford
- Roll Call:** Supervisor Neil Crawford, Clerk Rebekah Johnson, Treasurer Patricia Ellis, Trustees David Barrett and Phyllis Cholette
- Consent Agenda:** Bills for February/March were approved; Motion made by Rebekah Johnson to amend minutes to format acceptable by Manistee County for the Parks and Recreation Plan; seconded by Phyllis Cholette; all in favor, none opposed; motion passed. Neil Crawford made motion to approve the February Amended Minutes; seconded by Phyllis Cholette; all in favor, none opposed; motion passed.
- Public comment:** Sarah Archer explained that recycling formerly at Betsie Valley School on M-115 now located at Springdale Township Hall located on corner of Healy Lake/Glovers Lake Road. She encouraged paper/cardboard recycling to be continued at the school with PCA program which earns funds for the school. Richard Schmidt introduced himself as District Two County Commissioner.
- Historical Society:** Alex from Bear Lake Insurance company explained that the Township policy does not cover Marilla Historical Society liability. Neil read letter from Township lawyer stating 2004 operating agreement is no longer valid. It was mentioned that Arcadia Museum is funded by donations. Carol Volgts stated that as a member of Art Alliance the MHS may use their tax exemption. After much discussion Phyllis Cholette made motion for the Township to pay for liability insurance for the Historical Society; seconded by Dave Barrett; roll call vote: Aye: Dave Barrett, Phyllis Cholette, Patricia Ellis; Nay: Neil Crawford, Rebekah Johnson; motion passed.
- Clerk:** made a motion to accept the contract and agreement for Hazardous Wastes services for 2016 for \$125; seconded by Neil Crawford; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
- Treasurer:** stated County has settled up with the taxes for about \$23,000. Also, noted many repairs and updates made on the Township Hall.
- Trustee:** Phyllis Cholette inquires about fixing the Township Hall bell and also upgrading the kitchen to commercial grade.
- Supervisor:** last meeting Dumas Enterprise LLC bid was approved for lawn maintenance for 2016 and at request of Cemetery committee has submitted a bid for additional services to trim trees, shrubs, remove trees, and clean up. Neil Crawford made motion to accept \$4250.00 bid; seconded by Rebekah Johnson; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Rebekah Johnson made motion to purchase 112 metal stakes for Cemetery from Affordable Funeral Supply; seconded by Neil Crawford; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Neil Crawford made motion to accept bid from TC Concrete to repair the steps of the Township Hall; seconded by Patricia Ellis; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Terry Cholette's term on Planning Commission expired, there was a motion by Neil Crawford to appoint Gary Cilman on Planning Commission; seconded by Dave Barrett; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
- Adjourned:** by Supervisor at 8:40 pm. The next meeting is Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7 pm.

Minutes prepared by
Rebekah Johnson, Marilla Township Clerk

Neil Crawford, Marilla Township Supervisor