

MARILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, December 10, 2015  
Marilla Township Hall  
Approved Amended 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, Trustee Phyllis Cholette, Trustee David Barrett

**Consent Agenda:** Minutes and bills for October/November were approved

**Clerk:** March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary election, this is a closed primary so voters will have to declare a Party, either Democratic or Republican. Cemetery committee made recommends for cemetery improvements; such as cement repair, tree/shrub trimmings, monument repairs, paint, purchase of steel stakes; presenting cost estimates at Feb meeting. Sexton agreed to do cemetery landscaping by filling in sinking graves in the spring of 2016. The committee made recommend for township park maintenance plan before starting recreation project on cemetery acreage.

**Treasurer:** commented that Marilla variance fee is comparatively low. Still getting tax statements in.

**Trustee:** Neil made motion for bins to be purchased for meals on wheels; seconded by Phyllis; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed. As site coordinator, Phyllis will take care of that. Phyllis noted that coffee, cream, and napkins are needed more often with Meals on Wheels and Friends of Marilla meeting weekly. Phyllis mentioned starting some other programs and it was recommended that all requests be made in writing stating name, sponsor, contact info, purpose/goal of group and dates requested for meeting. Neil will look into periodic water issues in the basement. Phyllis made motion to purchase stamps for survey responses in the amount of \$20; seconded by Dave; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Motion made by Rebekah that the supervisor composes a newsletter once a year to mail with the summer tax bills; seconded by Neil; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

**Supervisor:** Board of Review meets December 15, 2015 at 7 pm. Zoning Board of Appeals meets December 22, 2015 at 7 pm regarding distance house can be built from road. When time to discuss the lease between Township and Historical Society, Trustee Phyllis Cholette left the board table as a conflict of interest. ~~There was a request by Bob Thomas to dissolve Marilla Historical Society corporation status and be under township umbrella. Debra Roberson read a letter composed by her requesting the Historical Society not sign the lease. (There was a request by Bob Thomas to look into the possibility of dissolving Marilla Historical Society corporation status and be under township umbrella. Debra Roberson read a letter composed by her requesting a meeting between Marilla Township and Marilla Historical Society for understanding of lease.)~~ There was a request by Supervisor to have business as usual by signing of the lease and the Historical Society get liability insurance for the out buildings. With no conclusion, this will be revisited in February. Neil read section 3.02 of Junk Ordinance and declared the McCoy's to be within the guidelines. Any further complaints need to be made in writing and given to Supervisor or Zoning Admin. Phyllis made motion that we purchase the 84 capacity chair cart for \$419 (+tax+s/h); seconded by Neil; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Neil will look into options for table storage. Neil made motion to use same ad as last year (updating to 2016) requesting bids for township lawn maintenance; seconded by Phyllis; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Adding the removal of artificial flowers/decorations to specifications for lawn maintenance.

**Adjourned:** by Supervisor at 8:16 pm. The next meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7 pm.

Minutes prepared by  
Rebekah Johnson, Marilla Township Clerk

Neil Crawford, Marilla Township Supervisor