

**Township of Marilla Meeting Minutes**  
**July 9, 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:** Cudney, Bahr, Vegter, Glick, Bay                      **Abs:** None  
**Visitors:** Justin & Maureen Carlson, Mike Picchiotti- PC Chair.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**6/11/2024:** Motion to approve minutes made by Vegter and seconded by Glick. All in favor. Motion passed.

**6/25/2024:** Motion to approve minutes made by Glick and seconded by Bahr. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

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

- *Maureen Carlson came to talk about the Dirt Birds club and asked for a letter of support.*
- *Public discussion of agenda and minutes availability. An attempt to post both online for review will be made.*

Floor closed to public comment and questions at 6:40 pm

**New business**

1. Discussion of potential park use or sale. A motion was made to have the park appraised with the intent to sell was made by Bahr, seconded by Bay. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Old business**

1. Landscape: Our contractor became available for work and mowed the hall lawn on July 3rd. Board options were discussed. Comments were made about the appearance for the township, future dependability with an individual/single person operated company, about the way payments are handled on a monthly/year round schedule, and about the cost of each mow vs. a salary type pay. A motion was made to void the landscaping contract and to give 30 days

notice to our current contractor, Golden Sun, by Bay and seconded by Bahr. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. Sexton: A motion was made to void the sexton contract and to give 30 days notice to our current contractor, Golden Sun, by Vegter and seconded by Bahr. All in favor. Motion passed. Glick will send a letter to the attorney to review and then schedule a meeting with the contractor.
3. An interim plan for the landscaping and burial needs was discussed. A motion was made to ask S&S Irrigation to complete the remainder of the mowing/lawn care 2024 season by Cudney and seconded by Vegter. All in favor. Motion passed. Cudney will talk to Terwilliger Funeral Home regarding burial services.
4. ORV: Letter discussed during public comment time. Motion to provide a letter of support to the Dirt Birds was made by Bahr and seconded by Bay. Cudney will create and send a letter to Tim Knoper.
5. Accepting online payments in the works. One additional signature is needed and then the link will be updated on the website.

**Douglas Glick - Supervisor Report**

None

**Misty Cudney - Clerk Report**

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

**Camie Bay - Treasurer Report**

<b>Financial Report June 2024</b>				
Date		Income	Expense	Balance
6/30/24	<b><i>Business Sav Act</i></b>			\$100.00
6/30/24	<b><i>Cemetery Timber Fund</i></b>			\$36,826.68
	Interest	\$4.59		
	<b>Balance</b>			\$36,831.27
6/30/24	<b><i>General Account</i></b>			\$158,550.73
	Monthly Bills		\$4,053.02	
	Donation - clean up day	\$10.00		

\*Approved Aug 13, 2024

	Local Com Revenue	\$2,718.53		
	Permits	\$270.00		
	Interest	\$3.67		
	<b>Balance</b>			\$157,499.91
	<b>Tax Account</b>			\$1,002.26
	Interest	\$.02		
	Delq Personal Prop Tax	\$26.39		
	<b>Balance</b>			\$1,028.67

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

Discussion about what is Personal Property Tax and is the township required to have them. Bay will talk to the Assessor, Jared Litwiller, to get more information.

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

None

**Zoning Administrator: Misty Cudney**

A new request for a land use permit following the one that was rejected as it was for a parcel that had not yet been split. It appears that the land split has since been accepted by the county, although there has not been a new number assigned. The parcel zoning has not been determined by the planning commission as it is dual zoned on the current map. Cudney asked the board how she should proceed. The board discussion resulted; a zoning request should be filed by the owner. At this time there are 3 new splits that are dual zoned from parent parcel 51-009-005-100-00. It is recommended that a rezoning request be completed for all three parcels, as it is assumed that the owner will want to sell them as residential/RR-1. The splits were approved and not denied as 10 acres of Resource Preservation still has uses; i.e. recreational or farming. It is felt that a zone does not dictate size as long as there is a use or does not cause a “nuisance per se”.

**Cemetery Committee: Bruce Bahr**

Bahr would like help getting posts set for new trash cans and is hopeful that the contractor will help prior to the end of his 30 days, as working hours are a part of the sexton contract and no hours have yet been used since its start in April.

**Planning Commission Report: Mike Picchiotti**

The Master Plan is done and needs to be final printed. A map workshop will be held on July 30th 2024 to discuss the dual zones and land uses; the steps required to make changes if needed.

Motion to adjourn made by Bahr and seconded by Glick. All in favor. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Cudney, Marilla Township Clerk