

**MARKEY TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 9, 2023**

Regular meeting of the Markey Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Supervisor Donaldson, Trustee Bell, Treasurer Engle, and Clerk Tussey.

**Motion** by Engle, seconded by Bell to approve the consent agenda to include minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2023, special meeting of September 18, 2023 and the Treasurer's report and bills. All in favor. MC.

**Public Comments:** Denton Township changes their meeting hours to earlier in the evening during November thru March. We should consider doing that.

**Correspondence:** Roscommon Housing Task Force, Backus Township Master Plan

**Reports:**

**Ordinance Administrator:** September report was read by Kirstie Russo.

**Planning Commission:** Met Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Report read and filed.

**Fire Department:** 30 EMS runs, 13 Fire runs for the month of September 2023.

**Assessing Dept.:** Reports for Sept and Oct were read and filed.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:** Ralph Kitchen gave report. Met Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. The 2024 dates have been set for the Markey Merchant Market. We did not received a Spark Grant.

**Business Items:**

FD is having a trunk or treat this year. It will be October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm.

**Motion** by Donaldson, seconded by Tussey to hire Kirstie Russo to the Fire Department effective immediately. All in favor. MC.

**Motion** by Bell, seconded by Donaldson that we renew the BCBS Health Care Benefits package to include the township paying the \$2000 deductible for the employees in an HSA effective 12-1-2023. All in favor. MC.

**Motion** by Donaldson, seconded by Engle to appoint George Everett to the Planning Commission effective 10-10-23 with an expiration of September 2026. All in favor. MC.

**Motion** by Donaldson, (no second) to appoint Andrea Kitchen as Trustee until 11-20-2024. Failed due to lack of support.

**Motion** by Engle, seconded by Donaldson to appoint Phil Bendily as Trustee effective 10-10-2023 until 11-20-2024. 3 ayes, 1 nay. MC. Must be sworn in within 10 days.

**Motion** by Donaldson, seconded by Engle to appoint Phil Bendily to the Planning Commission as the “ex-officio” until November 20, 2024. All in favor. MC.

**Motion** by Donaldson, seconded by Bell that we allow Ralph Kitchen to work 20 hours per week this fall. All in favor. MC.

**Motion** by Tussey, supported by Engle to allow the clerk to enter into an agreement with Lyon Township to combine precincts for the early voting periods for the 2024 Election Cycle. Each township will pay their own election inspectors and any joint expenses shall be split between the two townships. All in favor. MC.

**Motion** by Donaldson, seconded by Engle that we get a price to remove three trees (one on Markey Rd near the dog park and one on School Rd and one in Truman Gardner Park.) All in favor. MC. We will call the Road Commission regarding the two dead trees in the road right of way first to see if they will take them down.

**Motion** by Donaldson, seconded Tussey to appoint Lori Darga to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three years until September 2026. All in favor. MC.

**Announcements:** There is an election on November 7, 2023. Polls open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm. We are still accepting bottle/can donations. Next regular meeting is November 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**Motion** by Donaldson, seconded by Bell to adjourn at 8:17pm. All in favor. MC.

Minutes taken by:  
Sheryl Tussey, Clerk  
Approved by Board