

**City of Marine City
City Commission
Special Meeting
December 14, 2015**

A special meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Monday, December 14, 2015, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Mayor Skotarczyk at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Raymond Skotarczyk, Commissioners Terrance Avery, Elizabeth Hendrick, Raymond Meli, James Turner, City Manager Elaine Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Absent: Commissioner Dianne Lovett and Commissioner David Simpson

Motion by Commissioner Meli, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to excuse Commissioners Lovett and Simpson from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

No Public Comments were made.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #033-2015

Resolution #033-2015, which provides language to put the Public Act 33 Special Assessment on the March 8, 2016 ballot was discussed. Mayor Skotarczyk stated that the language should do a better job of explaining the purpose of the levy. He provided language for consideration which was discussed by the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Resolution #33-2015 with Mayor Skotarczyk's amendments to the ballot language. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery. Nays: Hendrick, Meli, Turner. Motion Failed.

At this time, Commissioner Meli proposed an additional amendment to the ballot language, which was discussed by the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Meli, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve Resolution #33-2015 with his proposed amendment to the ballot language, which read:

Shall the City of Marine City establish a Special Assessment District pursuant to Michigan Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended, consisting of all the lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the city for a period of five years with the City Commission determining annually a levy amount between zero (0) and five (5) mills to defray the costs to continue police and fire protection at levels needed to adequately protect and serve the residents of Marine City, as determined by the City Commission, with 3.045 mills assessed in year one?

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Meli. Nays: Hendrick, Turner. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Hendrick stated for the record: I am voting no on the wording of Resolution #033-2015. I am for the election to give the people the opportunity to decide the millage, but believe the wording is misleading in the sense that this Commission has repeatedly said they will replace our current Police/Fire budgets with the PA33 Tax and then use the money currently allocated for Police/Fire for the Police/DPW and other departments.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 7:20 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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