March 10, 2020

Annual Meeting

Marion Township

The annual meeting of Marion Township was called to order by Clerk Janet Hoffmann at 8:17pm. There were 23 in attendance.

The Clerk called for nominations for the Moderator and Al Wussow nominated Ed Scherr and Dennis O’Neill seconded. There being no other nominations Mr. Scherr became the moderator.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was read and approved.

The clerk read the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting. M/M/S by Art Friedrich/Wussow to approve the minutes. Carried. The clerk read the board of audit report from the February 11, 2020 meeting and M/M/S by Carl Most/Dennis O’Neill to approve the report. Carried.

Treasurer Raduenz read the treasurers report for the year 2019. M/M/S by Al Wussow/Al Vetsch to approve the report. Carried.

Roger Bjerke read the Supervisor’s report for year 2019. A copy of this report is included with the minutes.

Gopher Bounty: M/M/S by Dennis O’Neill/Rodney Allen to leave the bounty at $3 per pocket gopher and streakies at 1.50. Carried.

M/M/S by Al W/C Most to set the next annual meeting for March 9, 2021 at 8:15pm at the town hall. Carried.

Jim Baier had prepared a road resolution (a copy is attached) which he presented to attendees to determine if there is a need to establish this resolution. This is in regard to what condition incoming roads need to be in when coming into the township miles . Could become an ordinance. Art Friedrich/Al Vetsch M/M/S to have the town board pursue.

The following levy was set:

* Fire Fund- M/M/S by Jim Baier/Al Wussow to set the levy at $199,910.00 Carried
* General Fund – M/M/S by Al Wussow/Jerry Goretzki to set the levy at $75,000.00. Carried
* R&B Fund – M/M/S by Art Friedrich/Goretzki to set the levy at $350,000.00. Carried
* Cemetery Fund – M/M/S by Goretzki/Wussow to set the levy at $3000.00 Carried
* Eyota Ambulance Fund – Following a presentation by Jim Nigon of the Ambulance service a M/M/S by Friedrich/Goretzki to set the levy at $7,610.00. Carried. Nigon also presented a contract for the Board to sign which will be discussed at an upcoming monthly meeting.
* Stormwater (MS4 permit) Fund – M/M/S by Wussow/Friedrich to set the levy at $50,000.00 - carried

Stormwater permit – Jim Baier reported on the full history of the stormwater permit and updated on the audit done by MPCA in 2019. Jeff Broberg, a consultant hired by Marion Township, also presented an educational event for the residents on the history of the stormwater permit and all the processes in place and the need for educational opportunities. The township needs to do inspections and reporting. No illicit waster can be dumped into stormwater – this includes septic waste, oil, grass clippings or pet waste. The township needs a plan to prevent this. We need an ordinance which Broberg and Volkmar are working on. The rules from the MPCA will change again next year. Broberg will work with the Board to become compliant.

Old business. None

Election results were announced – 268 residents voted

* Supervisor Roger Bjerke – 216, Write in Andy Hoium 51
* for Clerk Janet Hoffmann 242,Write ins: Andy Hoium 3, Vicky Kreofsky 1, Debra Richards 1
* The Ballot Board met and canvassed the results and declared Supervisor, Roger Bjerke and Clerk, Janet Hoffmann as the winners.

M/M/S by Wussow/Vetsch to adjourn at 10:05 pm.

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