Marion Township meeting

April 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joel Messmer at 7:30 pm. Present: Joel Messmer, Jim Baier, Roger Bjerke, Janet Hoffmann, Debra Raduenz, Attorney Volkmar and 2 guests/citizens. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and adoption of the agenda per a M/M/S by Bjerke/Baier.

The Clerk’s minutes of March 10, 2020 approved per a M/M/S by Baier/Bjerke.

Treasurer reported $ Checking – $15,785.72, Savings $611,959.74. Total $627,745.46. M/M/S to approve by Baier/Bjerke.

Claims 7896 - 7915- approved per M/M/S by Bjerke/Baier to pay the bills.

Applications: Jim Mosser presented with a request to rezone from R1 to Ra so that he can raise a few goats to eat undesirable “weeds.” A few adjoining lots are RA. Following discussion and concern for future use a M/M/S by Baier/Bjerke to approve this request at SW quarter of section 22, in Highland Ridge sub, lot 10 to approve with a limit of no more than 10 miniature goats. 3 yes

BIDS - for mowing Hildebrant - 64 miles at 1196.00 per time. Accepted and placed on file.

Rock – 2 bids – Stussy construction, 18.38 per yard and Milestone Materials – 9.05 per ton delivered. Milestone had the lowest bid and will be put on file.

Maintenance bid – Doug Wigham only one. Close to 2019-2020 bid. M/M/S by Bjerke/Baier to accept this bid. 3 yes

Bituminous – only one from RS&G. Approximately same as last year. M/M/S to accept by Bjerke/Messmer. 3 yes.

Snow removal – one bid from Doug Wigham. M/M/S by Bjerke/Baier to accept this bid. 3 yes

Roads: Discussion on snow removal and mailboxes. Grove’s End road will need some rock.

MPCA/ Stormwater - Mr. Volkmar will contact Tory Erickson from the City of Rochester. Report is needed by June 30. Baier will contact Broberg to see when township can get trained. Wigham will also attend as his guys can be watchers/checkers.

Moderator pay – M?M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to pay moderator $25.00. 3 yes

Two recent dog bites. One was by dogs owned by Mr Pew on Meadow Drive. Bit another dog. Not very cooperative. Volkmar is not clear if this is a potentially dangerous situation. Witness not willing to be identified. Mr Pew did get a citation for not having dogs on leashes. Dog are microchipped. We did get a request from animal control for payment but will wait for a statement.

The other happened by the townhall and Mighty Oaks School. Mr. Volkmar will make some calls and check on this one. No action taken tonight.

Board of Review will be tomorrow at 1:30.

Road checks will take place after the stormwater permit training with Jeff Broberg. Baier will schedule the training.

Correspondence – with CoVid 19 there has not been a lot of mail.

M/M/S by Baier/Bjerke to adjourn at 9:0 pm.

Janet Hoffmann, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Joel Messmer, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Joel called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Board of Review – met on April 15, 2020 at 1:30 at the town hall with county folk on a telephone conference with Roger Bjerke, Joel Messmer ad Janet Hoffmann present and 3 county personnel on the phone. Kim McHugh was present. Kim talked with county folk yesterday and they advised her to come to the meeting today. Char’s Country Palace took a huge tax jump and she would like to do more of an incremental increase. Following discussion the rate was reduced from $39 per square foot to $36.00 per square foot. M/M/S by Joel/Roger and both agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Janet Hoffmann, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Joel Messmer, hair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_