Marion Township meeting

August 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joel Messmer at 7:30 pm. Present: Joel Messmer, Jim Baier, Janet Hoffmann, Debra Raduenz, Attorney Volkmar and 6 guests. Supervisor Roger Bjerke was absent. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and adoption of the agenda per a M/M/S by Baier/Messmer.

The Clerk’s minutes of July 14, 2020 approved per a M/M/S by Baier/Messmer.

Treasurer reported total cash on hand is $749,673.61. M/M/S to approve by Baier/Messmer.

Claims 7950 - 7970 - approved per M/M/S by Baier/Messmer to pay the bills. First half taxes and CARES taxes, plus the presidential primary reimbursement have been received.

Applications: Chris Munn of 5604 Cambridge Hills presented with a metes and bounds request in section 22, SW ¼ - he wants to purchase 106 square ft from his neighbor at 5598 Cambridge Hills which would allow him to meet setbacks to construct a detached accessory structure . Following discussion and no objections, M/M/S by Baier/Messmer to not object. Passed.

John McGuire presented with the same resolution as previously for property along County Rd 9 and 60th Ave.

He feels it might be advantageous to wait a month so no action was taken tonight.

Rep. Nels Pierson attended tonight at the end of the 3rd special (one-day) session today. Bonding bill was not brought up.

Candidate Randy Brock was also in attendance.

Terri Jensen sent paperwork on behalf of the Winslow Property. They made a slight change to the land use change amendment resolution. This has been reduced to from the original 60.19 acres to +/- 26 acres and only includes the south side of Highway 14. M/M/S by Messmer/Baier to sign the new resolution. Approved.

Since the township receives numerous requests involving attorney input Baier made a recommendation that we have a fee to recoup some expenses. An ordinance will be drafted for next month’s meeting.

Roads: Overlays will be done in Hidden Hollow, Stable Ct and Deer Haven Ct. Gravel on town line road and Grove’s End, have a drainage issue on Elm, Bargen will chip/seal Cambridge Hills, and crack fill 30th, 36th Ave and 55th. Low culverts were discussed in Homewood. Due to no one being present to discuss, no action was taken but Messmer will follow up. Access to Interstate 90 in Marion was discussed. Long waits at busy time to turn left. No action taken.

A resident discussed concern about feral cats in Marion. He will contact Camp Compassion for assistance.

MPCA/ Storm water - A summary of the ordinance will be published. Volkmar will get a copy to the County Law library. We may have up to 52 outfalls. Bill Anderson might be willing to do some construction monitoring. Baier will contact him. M/M/S by Messmer/Baier to publish a summary of our Interim Marion Township Discharge and Connection Ordinance #2020-01

Messmer attended the District 1 meeting in Kasson. Rex Edge of Wasioja Township, Dodge County is the new District 1 Board Member elected to the State Association.

Debriefed recent election. Worked well at new polling place and with Covid restrictions. Good job!

Ventilation in town hall needs an upgrade and Messmer will do some checking.

M/M/S by Baier/Messmer to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

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

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