Marion Township meeting

June 9, 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 8 guests. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and adoption of the agenda per a M/M/S by Baier/Bjerke .

The Clerk’s minutes of May 12, 2020 approved per a M/M/S by Bjerke/Baier

Treasurer reported $ Checking – $15,590.04, Savings $572,142.61. M/M/S to approve by Baier/Bjerke.

Claims 7927 – 7937 - approved per M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to pay the bills.

Applications: Gary Vandal of 2697 45th Ave SE presented with a request to build a garage shop for personal use. Following discussion and no objections M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to not object. 3 yes

Brad King of 5415 20th St SE presented with a variance request to remove a shed and reconstruct a pole shed in same area. Following discussion and no objections M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to not object. 3 yes

Randy Gartner representing Charter Communications presented a plan to expand into the village of Marion. Proposed to be completed in August. Residents have not been in communication. Information only for township. No action taken.

A phone interview was held with Terri Jensen of Land Development for Winslow property near 60th Avenue and Hwy 14. They would like to change the land use from Resource Protection to Suburban Development. Ms Jensen will prepare a resolution and email to the clerk. M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to agree to the land use change from Resource Protection to Suburban Development, the board will then sign and forward to Planning and Zoning. 3 yes votes

Jeff Broberg presented on behalf of Mr. Mike Sorenson Properties for a Conditional Use Permit for the former CHS building on Highway 14. The land has been cleaned and decontaminated. New use will be for a hitch business located in Winona. 15 employees . L-shaped building with one side 300 ft the other 75 ft. Following discussion and no objections. M/M/S by Baier/Bjerke to not object. 3 yes

MPCA/ Storm water - Broberg did training for Supervisors. Mr. Volkmar drew up an ordinance. Will sign this in July and forward it to MPCA. Form for salt shed will be completed by Doug Wigham.

Roads: Partial road checks completed. Will have full list in July. Mowing needs to be done. Roger will contact Hildebrandt. Bjerke will check with county to verify if they are doing chip and sealing. Baier will meet tomorrow (June 10th) at culvert site in Homewood addition. Concern the water won’t flow even if culvert replaced. Oak Park circle was blacktopped at entrance last year. No curbs replaced. One area has some erosion and Wigham was directed to apply some rock in that area.

Alley vacation in Chester (per last month) – papers were available tonight to sign paperwork to vacate this alley. Will be published.

The County maintenance agreement contract was signed per M/M/S by Bjerke/Baier. 3 yes

Dog bite – follow-up. Will have a hearing with all concerned on June 10th, 4pm.

Correspondence – from Mn State demographer 4/1/2019 population estimate is 3,983 and household population is 1,514.

M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

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

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