Marion Township meeting

July 13, 2021

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

The Clerk’s minutes of June 8, 2021 were approved with the following correction (change Roger to Joel as the person talking with the County regarding signs) per a M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer.

Treasurer reported: Saving - $ 637,465.41 – Checking – $19,099.09 – Total - $656,564.50. Approved per M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer.

Claims and payroll – 8140 – 8154 were approved to pay per M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke. 3 yes

Applications: Chris Barber from WSB, presented on behalf of Rochester Public Schools to follow up on the proposed property swap and driveway between the school and township. Township concerns remain water hook-up, sewer hook-up, parking on special township days during the school year, a perpetual easement for the township oif the school district sells the property, and the ability to possibly add an addition to the town hall for restroom facilities and a possible serving nook and (office?). Mr. Barber will be in touch with our attorney Mr. Volkmar to determine who the school contact is to draw up a draft proposal.

Fred Schmidt was on the agenda but he or his representative was not present. Baier had a map of a proposed development East of County Rd 11 and north of 20th Street (County Rd 143). He is proposing 14 lots all 2 acres to 3.1 acres. The board had discussion only. The County would request 120 ft easement for streets, and wants only one driveway for every two lots. No further discussion.

Jeff Broberg was present. MPCA has affirmed that our stormwater permit is complete and now the MPCA will have the public comment time. Mandatory MPCA training for the supervisors and our road contractors will be led by Broberg on Tuesday, August 3, at 4:30pm at the Marion Town Hall.

Roads – Blacktopping done. Now doing shoulder and driveway fixes. Bargen has us on the schedule for crack fill. M&M presented a proposal with breakdown on cost. M/M/S by Bjerke/Baier to proceed with #1 - # 5 on the list. 3 yes Baier has noted many vehicles parked on Predmore Lane and has notified the county to check this out. He has not gotten a response from them.

Street Vacation – Baier noted that in his initial talks with the railroad that they would do the design and construction on the ROW closure. The final form was signed and Mr. Volkmar will wrap this up with MNDot and the RR per a M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke. 3 yes

A document destruction paper was presented by the clerk and treasurer (a copy is attached to the clerk’s minutes). A M/M/S by Baier/Messmer to allow destruction of these forms. 3 yes

Correspondence Received - District 1 meeting will be in Rochester at the Eagle’s Club on Wednesday, August 4.

Messmer might be able to attend.

September 18 Couri and Ruppe will present a legal seminar at New Haven Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 per M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke.

Jim Baier, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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