Marion Township meeting

July 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Bjerke at 7:30 pm. Present: Roger Bjerke, Joel Messmer, John Schoenfelder, Janet Hoffmann, Debra Raduenz, Bill Volkmar, and 8 guests (Deputy Chad Miller, Jeff O’Neill, Ed Scherr, Kristina Wright-Peterson, Virginia Wright Peterson, Ken Mueller, Karen MacLaughlin and Ron Sieve.). The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder to approve the agenda. 3 yes

M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder to approve the clerk’s minutes. 3 yes

Treasurer Raduenz reported : Bank balance $797,499.50 and ARPA $206,543.43 plus interest. Also have received first half of taxes and second check from ARPA for an additional $206,543.43. M/M/S Bjerke/Messmer to approve. 3 yes Raduenz had us sign new bank forms due to new supervisor. Also M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to sign security fund letter. 3 yes. M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to have direct deposits for tax payments from the county. 3 yes.

Claims and payroll –Claims 8322 – 8333 were approved to pay per M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder. 3 yes

Sheriff update from deputy Chad Miller – had a total of 114 calls to Marion for a variety of reasons. Trash in ditch produced two names that sheriff department is following up on.

Applications: Virginia Wright Peterson presented with a land use plan change for property located by Hwy 14 and 60th Avenue. 10 acres will become two 5 acre lots. Following discussion M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to not object to the land use change. 3 yes.

Guest Karen McLaughlin introduced herself as a candidate for County Attorney.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roads: Tree in ROW in Cambridge Hills area needs to be removed and a tree fell in road by 20th St and 40 Ave that needs to be removed. Will have Wigham take care of these issues. Mowing is done. Cocker Road – no response yet on annexation possibility. Culvert, dirt in ditch issue at dead end of 55th St. On Scherr/Sieve road right of way – road washes out, sand fills ditch, etc. Needs a final fix – one culvert might need to be lower and moved about 6 feet, a berm would slow flow and Scherr would put in a berm, and culvert would need to be cleaned out. A possible fix would be to review, and come up with an estimate to do the work and possibly split 3 ways. Will have Doug Wigham review. A resident had called about an issue with his neighbor and weeds. No follow-up, not present tonight. No word from residents who want to close street by Cambridge Hills and Abbey Lane.

Stormwater permit – Permit filed.

RR- Invoice sent – still no response

School - No update.

District 1 meeting for MN Association of Townships will be August 4 in Millville, Hoffmann and Messmer will attend.

Blinds are in and look nice.

No mail of importance that hasn’t already been discussed.

M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Roger Bjerke, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Janet Hoffmann, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_