

Marion Township Meeting
January 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Schoenfelder at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Joel Messmer, John Schoenfelder, Roger Bjerke, Debra Raduenz, Colleen Bjerke, Attorney Ben King and guests (Ed Scherr, Doug Wigham, Dave Hildebrandt, Bridget O'Neill, Dennis O'Neill, Art Friedrich, Albert Jiang, Jim Newell, Maureen Newell).

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

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to approve the December 10, 2024, Town Board clerk's minutes. 3 yes.

TREASURE REPORT:

We have savings/checking balance of 1,308,928.95; includes \$103,374.36 remaining ARPA funds. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to approve the treasurer's report. 3 yes.

CLAIMS:

Claims 8818-8835 were approved for payment per a M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke. 3 yes.

APPLICATIONS:

Albert Jiang is the new owner of Jeff's Little Store and requested continuation of liquor license. A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to continue Jeff's Little Store liquor license. 3 yes.

Village of Marion – Residents Speed Petition – Bridget O'Neill presented a petition with 270+ signatures. The residents are requesting a letter from Marion Township Board supporting the petition. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to provide a letter of support from the Board to the Marion residents. 3 yes.

Storm Water – No discussion.

Roads — Doug Wigham and Dave Hildebrandt recommended targeted brush management on approximately 17 streets. Services include trimming trees hanging over or next to the road; trees and brush that are in the right of way, as well as brush clean-up. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to move forward with brush management. 3 yes.

Fire Contract — Roger spoke with Haverhill Township and Rochester Township regarding the contract proposed at the Nov 26th OCTOA meeting. The three townships have removed item No. 4 addressing Growth coordination and Rochester's Urban Service Area. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to sign the Contract without section # 4 as noted above. 3 yes.

Cannabis – Olmsted County has finalized their cannabis business registration regulations. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to sign the Resolution Delegating Cannabis Retail Registration to Olmsted County. 3 yes.

Road Repair Database – John discussed the need for the Board to develop some type of road repair database, allowing viewers easy access to road past, present and future road maintenance. The Board suggested discussion at the next OCTOA meeting as well as reach out to MAT if other townships utilize a database.

Cemetery Update – Maureen Newell presented profit/loss and balance sheet for Marion Cemetery. No action required.

March Election – Two candidates have officially filed for Board positions: John Schoenfelder, supervisor; and Debra Raduenz, Treasurer. No action required.

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to sign the County Absentee Voting Administration for Township Election Resolution. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to sign the Marion Township Resolution # 25-2A appointing an absentee ballot board and election judges for the March 2025 election. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder to publish and post Annual Meeting/Election Notice. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to order on-site sanitation for March election. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to hold annual Board of Audit after the February 11, 2025, meeting. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted

John Schoenfelder, Chair _____ Colleen Bjerke, Clerk _____