

Marion Township Meeting
March 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Schoenfelder at 10:20 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: John Schoenfelder, Roger Bjerke, Joel Messmer, Debra Raduenz, Colleen Bjerke, Attorney Ben King and guests (Ed Scherr, Doug Wigham, Dave Staloch, Janet Staloch, Kay Padilla, Chuck Padilla, Brian Larson, Jim Newell, Maureen Newell, Bridget O'Neill, Dennis O'Neill, Bruce Bushan, Troy Holmberg).

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

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to approve the February 11, 2025, Town Board clerk's minutes with one edit to clarify the Township Supervisors removed language regarding City control of the two-mile service area prior to signing the fire contract. 3 yes.

TREASURE REPORT:

We have savings/checking balance of 1,062,548.94 which includes remaining ARPA funds. Deb took out a \$250,000, six-month CD at 4% interest which will expire on August 12, 2025. A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to approve the treasurer's report. 3 yes.

CLAIMS:

Claims 8850-8863 were approved for payment per a M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder. 3 yes.

APPLICATIONS: None

Storm Water – No discussion

Fire Contract — Roger provided a timeline of City of Rochester fire contract negotiations to date. Another round of discussions between the City of Rochester and Townships is scheduled for March 14, 2025.

Roads – We have taken 4 semi loads of salt this year; our salt shed is presently full. 60th Avenue (hill) has a lot of sand and needs to be swept. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer for Wigham to sweep 60th Avenue. 3 yes. Tree trimming is almost complete and came in under budget. A M/M/S Schoenfelder/Bjerke to clean ditches and tree trimming on 10th St. SE, near Donlingers and possibly 30th Street. 3 yes. Culverts on Pagel Drive and on Marion Place need to be inspected at time of road inspections.

Dog Bite – Ben King reported their findings on the recent dog bite in Chester Heights Street SE. The investigation warrants classification as a potentially dangerous dog. Dunlap will send a letter to the dog owners.

Noise Ordinance – Residents presented with a sheriff's incidence report and violation of Township Noise Ordinance and an overweight semi. Residents are asking the Township to send a letter to the semi driver citing noise ordinance violation. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer for Dunlap Law Office to send a letter. 3 yes. Roger Bjerke agreed to contact Scott Holmes and research road restrictions and ton limits.

Olmsted County Transportation Project committee seeking one Supervisor to attend two meetings.

A M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder to appoint Roger Bjerke as Township Chair for April 2025 – March 2026. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to identify Post Bulletin as newspaper for published notifications for April 2025 – March 2026. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to utilize IRS mileage rate for April 2025 – March 2026. 3 yes.

A M/M/S b Schoenfelder/Bjerke to pay Ed Scherr as moderator of the 2025 Annual Meeting. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to post and publish 2025 Board of Appeals and *Equalization meeting for April 9, 2025 at Marion Town Hall. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 pm. 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted

John Schoenfelder, Chair _____ Colleen Bjerke, Clerk _____