

Marion Township Meeting
April 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Bjerke at 7:00 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 Hildebrandt, Al Wusso, Troy Holmberg, Kevin Hewlett, Jessica Hewlett, Bob Nickelson, Jason Kappers, Lincoln Ruggeberg, Doug Wigham).

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

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to approve the March 11, 2025, Town Board clerk's minutes with one edit to clarify the amount of salt purchased.

TREASURE REPORT:

We have savings/checking balance of 1,292,648.42 which includes ARPA funds and CD. Received \$1,755.15 reimbursement from Mathiowetz Construction for electricity use at salt shed. A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to approve the treasurer's report. 3 yes.

CLAIMS:

Claims 8864-8885 were approved for payment per a M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder. 3 yes.

APPLICATIONS: Kevin Hewlett's (Deerhaven Lane SE) land zoned Ag-3. He is requesting a property line variance to build a garage. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to not disagree with variance request to build a garage. 3 yes.

Storm Water – Jason Kappers provided clarification regarding county roads. The culverts along county road right of ways are county responsibility; the ditches are the responsibility of the Township. Jason is working on our permit renewal. Outfall inspections must be completed by June 2025.

Fire Contract — Another final draft fire contract was received 4/7/25. If the Township is required to sign before our May meeting, a M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to not object to the latest fire contract and allow Chairman to sign. 3 yes.

Roads –

- Road checks were conducted 4/4/25 and will be discussed at May meeting.
- Clarification received regarding weight limits – 10-ton weight restriction on surface roads and 7-ton weight restriction on gravel roads.
- Chloride quote is \$1.74/gal; estimated at \$775.00 to apply on gravel road near Marion Cemetery
- Ordered 75 ton of salt for 2025-2026
- Marion Court will be used for equipment parking, etc., along I-90/Hwy 52 construction project.
- ROCOG – John attended March 28th meeting. Great discussion at the meeting and he felt like the County staff listened to Township concerns.

Dog Bite – No response from dog owners after Dunlap Seeger sent the potentially dangerous dog letter.

Bids –

The following sealed bids were reviewed at 7:30 pm. Township decisions are noted below:

- **NorthStar Companies** – M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to accept the brush spraying bid as submitted. 3 yes.
- **Hildebrandt Services, LLC** – Ditch mowing -- A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to accept the ditch mowing bid as submitted. 2 yes, 1 no.
- **Hildebrandt Services, LLC** – Road Maintenance =A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to accept the equipment and labor bid as submitted. 3 yes.
- **Hildebrandt Services, LLC** – Snow plowing, equipment, A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to accept the equipment and labor bid as submitted. 3 yes.
- **Rochester Sand and Gravel (RS&G)**– M/M/S by Messmer/Messmer to accept the bid as submitted (for 54th ST). 3 yes.
- **Milestone Materials** – M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to accept the rock bid as submitted. 3 yes

- **Alcon Excavating, Inc.** – Bid was not accepted. No action taken.
- **Paulson Rock** – Bid was not accepted. No action taken.
- **Links Outdoor Services** –Cutting trees/brush - bid was not accepted. No action taken.
- **Northstar Companies** – 1) Cutting trees/brush; 2) ditch mowing; and 3 snowplow bid not accepted. No action taken.

Correspondence

- I-90 Interchange eastbound bridge to close 4/4/25
- MNDOT D6 will be using Marion Ct. as a haul road for I-90 project starting 4/1/2025. After hauling operations have ceased, the Township will be asked to inspect the road and sign off on the Haul Road Form (sent via email 3-19-2025)

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to look into computer back-up software and purchase Microsoft for Business at \$6/month.

Three Township Board members attended the MAT Spring Short Course.

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 pm. 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Bjerke, Chair _____ Colleen Bjerke, Clerk _____