

Marion Township Meeting

May 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Schoenfelder at 7:01 pm.

Present: Joel Messmer, John Schoenfelder, Roger Bjerke, Debra Raduenz, Colleen Bjerke, Attorney Bill Volkmar and guests (Doug Wigham, Rodney Allen, Karen Frein).

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

A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to approve the April 9th Town Board clerk's minutes. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to approve the April 10th Board of Equalization clerk's minutes. 3 yes.

Treasurer: savings/checking balance \$902,675.10. ARPA funds \$413,086.86. M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to approve the treasurer's report. 3 yes.

Claims #s 8677-8692 were approved for payment per a M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke (6 voided checks: 8678, 8679, 8685, 8686, 8687, 8688. 3 yes.

Apps: Mr. Rodney Allen attended the meeting requesting approval to move his agriculture driveway from north side to south side of house (4200 77th Ave SE). All work shall be done to the satisfaction of the Town Board. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to not object to new driveway request. 3 yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Storm Water – Mr. Kappers and Joel Messmer to meeting May 24th to review outfalls, finalize and review necessary paperwork by June 2024.

Roads

- Grant Lane – Mr. Bjerke received concern regarding road dips on Grant Lane. John will get bid from M & M to repair the road. The Township Board will consider coordinating the repair with other road work being performed in that area.
- Oak Park Circle – Preliminary bid received from Rochester Sand & Gravel to mill and overlay at \$150,000. Final bid to be reviewed at next meeting.
- Crack Fill – Bid received from Borgen for crack filling on Country Wood Drive, Highland Ridge Lane and top of Arlington Lane SE for \$30,000. A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messer to accept. 3 yes.
- Chip and seal – Bid received from Pearson Bros., Inc., to chip and seal portions of Grant Road, Colonial Road, Arlington Lane, Abby Lane and Highland Ridge Lane SE for \$69,747. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to accept. 3 yes.
- Blading – Mr. Bjerke noted that Olmsted County has already initiated blading. Rock will be added to Marion court.
- Signs – A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to order new road signs as identified during the April 2024 road checks. 3 yes.

ARPA Funds – Mr. Volkmar provide a Resolution to Spend ARPA Funds on Lost Revenue Replacement Category on Road and Bridge expenditures. A M/M/S to redesignate ARPA funds to adopt resolution to redesignate funds to Road and Bridge expenditures. 3 yes.

Ordinances – Mr. Volkmar confirmed a thorough review of Township ordinances was conducted in 2023. All ordinances are on file and will be available on Township website. No further action necessary.

Deputy Clerk – Clerk will present future claims to reimburse Deputy Clerk for work performed.

New Business:

Animals at Large – Ms. Karen Fredin attended and inquired on the Township’s Animal at Large ordinance. It was noted that the Marion Township defers to Olmsted County ordinances. Mr. Messmer will inquire with the County if an Animal at Large ordinance exists. Ms. Fredin will monitor animal concern and follow-up with Township Board as needed.

Dog Bite – Mr. Volkmar reviewed and presented Olmsted County Case # 2024-00909960 to be deemed as a potentially dangerous dog. A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to designate as a potentially dangerous dog. 3 yes. Mr. Volkmar will send formal communication to dog owner.

Election Judge Training – All Township Board staff are required to attend additional training for next election.

Township Document disposal – Ms. Bjerke present lists of documents to be disposed. A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to dispose of these documents and pay costs associated with disposal. 3 yes.

M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm.

John Schoenfelder, Chair _____ Colleen Bjerke, Clerk _____