

Marion Township Meeting
August 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Schoenfelder at 7:00 pm.

Present: Joel Messmer, John Schoenfelder, Roger Bjerke, Debra Raduenz, Colleen Bjerke, Attorney Bill Volkmar and guests (Al Wussow, Ed Scherr, Jason Kappers, Allen Vetsch, Joe and Dian Poss).

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to approve the agenda with the additional new business regarding Countrywood Drive traffic speed concerns and Highway 14 Pre-development Meeting update. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder to approve the July 9th Town Board clerk's minutes with corrections. 3 yes.

TREASURE REPORT:

We have savings/checking balance of 1,532,650.41. F&M Bank approved 2.25% interest in our money market account. A copy of the 2023 Audit was provided to all Board members. Deb Raduenz requested approval to close our First Alliance Bank account (current balance of \$5.00) and move funds to our money market account. A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to close First Alliance Bank account. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to approve the treasurer's report. 3 yes.

CLAIMS:

Claims 8736 was voided and claims 8737-8745 were approved for payment per a M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder. 3 yes.

APPLICATIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Guests Joe and Dian Poss presented traffic speed concerns on Countrywood Drive SE. Speed signs only posted on one end of road. A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to request Olmsted County place a radar mobile unit on Countrywood Drive to assess traffic speeds and extra sheriff patrol.. Messmer will contact Nick Jacobson, Olmsted County Sheriff's office. 3 yes.

The Board questioned if Marcos Auto Repair operating at 2697 45th Avenue SE has a conditional use permit. Bill Volkmar to research.

Marion Township Website redesign – Colleen Bjerke presented a proposal from D-Techmedia. The Board approved \$2,000 investment into a new Marion Mn Township website. Colleen will contact D-Tech Media to develop a Statement of Work.

URL Domain – On Aug 9, 2024, Colleen Bjerke applied for a new .gov URL domain “Marionmn.gov.” We will hear in approximately 8 weeks if the .gov URL request has been accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Request to look into installation of internet access at Town Hall for future use. Colleen will research.

Storm Water:

- Jason Kappers presented a final written summary of 2024 outfall inspection findings. Three outfalls were identified for immediate clean up: #s 28=west entrance, 1/2 plugged; #44=unmaintained, small trees growing in culvert; and #45=heavy vegetation. John Schoenfelder will contact Jake Rabehl, Olmsted County requesting bid for use of their equipment to clean these outfalls/culverts.
- Eight non-urgent outfalls were identified for cleanup: #27, 29, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47.
- Jason will submit official findings on behalf of Marion Township. No action required.
- John Schoenfelder will contact the County regarding initial cleaning of outfalls 28, 44 and 45.

Ordinance Review – MN Assoc. of Townships provided the Board with MN State Law Library of all MN Ordinance at <https://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/ordinances.jsp>.

Olmsted County Declaration of Local Emergency Roger Bjerke attended initial Olmsted County/FEMA meeting on 8-14-24 and submitted invoices and photos of damaged roads due to 2024 due to heavy flooding.to date; noting we have not received invoice for the rip-wrap work to be performed on 60th Avenue. If Olmsted County is declared a federal disaster, FEMA has approved \$12,400 for Marion Township.

Quarry – Joel Messmer met contacted Rob Mathias regarding property zoned A-4, dumping, burning and other concerns at rock quarry. Rob's initial investigation identified unattended fires, garbage dumping, crushed culverts and other violations. Rob will meet with County Attorney Tom Canan; and provide update at the September meeting.

Roads

- Highland Ridge chip-and-seal complete.
- Grant Road and Cambridge Hill Road – road dip patching complete by M & M.
- 60th Ave rip wrap work scheduled for August.
- 30th Street, SE, Oak Park Circle and Countrywood Drive – Black topping in progress.
- 70th Street – Ed Scherr noted work performed on 70th Street looks great.
- Fairlane Court & Shannon Valley Lane as well as 54th Street SE– reduce low hanging foliage and future tree removal

M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted

John Schoenfelder, Chair _____ Colleen Bjerke, Clerk _____