

Marion Township Meeting
November 12, 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 Ben King and guests (Jennifer Busch, Art Frederick, Ed Scherr, Jeff Bagnewski, Dennis O'Neill, Bridget O'Neill, Maureen Newell, Jim Newell, Sharry Chapman, Mark Thein, Doug Wigham, Matt Murphy, Larry Predmore, Al Vetsch, Tom Frutiger).

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

A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to approve the October 8th Town Board clerk's minutes. 3 yes.

TREASURE REPORT:

We have savings/checking balance of 1,289,499.47; includes \$262,157.73 remaining ARPA funds. Received Market Value Credit Ag Funds for \$1,978.23. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to approve the treasurer's report. 3 yes.

CLAIMS:

Claims 8774-8787 were approved for payment per a M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke. 3 yes.

APPLICATIONS:

Shar's Bar off-sale liquor license -- A M/M/S Bjerke/Schoenfelder to approve renewal of liquor license. 3 yes.

Metes & Bounds – Jennifer Busch, realtor, presented an application to adjust parcel lines to improve access for Olmsted Co. Parcels # 036267 and 036268. The adjustment will create a 43-acre parcel and an 80 acre parcel. Both will meet the farm parcel standard. The parcels are located on 54th Street. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to not object to metes and bounds application request. 3 yes.

Storm Wate -- Joel to contact G-Cubed for inspection and sign-off on the following three culverts: Culvert #28, 44, and 45. He will also discuss with the County the culverts on Gun Club Road and new inspection forms for 2024. No action required.

Roads--

- Town Line Road – will need gravel in 2025
- Horseshoe Court – .08 mile belongs to Marion Road.

Fire Contract--

- Roger Bjerke presented an update regarding the City of Rochester Fire Contract. City wants to control boundaries outside of the current urban service district limits.
- Commissioner Mark Thein appreciated the Township alerting him to the proposed language in the initial fire contract. On Dec 5th, the County will vote on a text amendment to take back control of planning and zoning in the current urban service district. He recommends all four Townships work with MAT attorneys to help re-write the paragraph.

Cannabis – Township Attorney will provide a proposed resolution for cannabis dispensaries in the Township at the December meeting.

Village of Marion – Residents from the Village of Marion attended the meeting and presented concerns regarding traffic speed in the Village. It is their goal to reduce speed to 50 mph on Hwy 52. Suggestions discussed included traffic camera, requesting extra highway patrol and having residents sign a speed reduction petition. The residents will create a petition and bring to next Township meeting. The residents are asking for Township support to move the petition forward.

Election Venue – A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to pay Marion Road Christian Church \$500 for November 2024 election. 3 yes,

Road Signs – Marion Court “Dead End” and 65th Avenue “left-hand arrow” signage needs replacing.

M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to adjourn the meeting at 9:21. 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted

John Schoenfelder, Chair _____ Colleen Bjerke, Clerk _____