

Marion Township Meeting
December 10, 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 (Ed Scherr, Doug Wigham, Dave Hildebrandt, Jason Kappers).

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

A M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder to approve the Nov 12, 2024, Town Board clerk's minutes. 3 yes.

TREASURE REPORT:

We have savings/checking balance of 1,115,061.02; includes \$103,374.36 remaining ARPA funds. A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to approve the treasurer's report. 3 yes.

CLAIMS:

Claims 8788-8817 were approved for payment per a M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer. It was noted that check # 8810 to Milestone Materials was a duplicate payment and should be voided. 3 yes.

APPLICATIONS - None

Village of Marion – Residents Speed Petition – No attendance. Tabled until January meeting.

Storm Water – Jason Kappers reported culvert #28, 44, and 45 look good. He is waiting for MPCA on-line reports. Jason will update the culvert inspection form and provide to the Township Supervisors before spring. No action required.

Roads—

- Doug Wigham – will discontinue snow-plowing in 2025; selling his equipment to David Hildebrandt. Not planning to bid again in Spring 2025 for road maintenance or snow plowing. The Board thanked Doug for his ongoing collaboration with the Township. No action required.

Fire Contract--

- To date, the City of Rochester has not submitted a revised fire contract for Townships to review. The Board provided Ben King with a copy of the fire contract from Nov 26th OCTOA meeting; and asked him to compare to Josh Wold's (Dunlap) baseline concerns dated October 2024.

Cannabis – Legal counsel suggests adopting MAT's Resolution Delegating Cannabis Retail Registration to the County. Tabled until January 2024.

FEMA Disaster Update – Olmsted County is no longer coordinating disaster relief funds from 2024 Spring flooding. Township Clerks should expect an email directly from the State of Minnesota with next steps for submitting reports for potential reimbursement.

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to publish/post the Township Treasurer and one Supervisor position in the Rochester Post Bulletin (Dec 14th), on the Marion Township website and on the Town Hall bulletin board for the March 2025 election. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to approve 2025 polling locations. March 11, 2025 – Marion Town Hall; August 12th and November 4th, 2025 at Marion Road Christian Church. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Schoenfelder to approve and submit the Voter Fund Expenditure Report for \$216.27. 3 yes.

Olson Tree Bid – Butternut and Cedar Avenue SE-- A M/M/S by Bjerke /Schoenfelder to accept the bid to remove tree. 3 yes.

A M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke to adjourn the meeting at 8:55. 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted

John Schoenfelder, Chair _____ Colleen Bjerke, Clerk _____