

Marion Township Meeting  
June 10, 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, Brian Larson, Dave Hildebrandt, Dan Satzke, Jessica Satzke, Troy Holmberg).

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

A M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder to approve the May 13, 2025, Town Board clerk's minutes with one edit to clarify that Marion Township does not have a contract with Pleasant Grove Township. 3 yes.

**TREASURE REPORT:**

We have savings/checking balance of 1,274,269.66 which includes remaining ARPA funds and \$250,000 CD.

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer to approve the treasurer's report. 3 yes.

**CLAIMS:**

Claims 8898-8911 were approved for payment per a M/M/S by Messmer/Bjerke. 3 yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Storm Water – Thank you to Joel Messmer and Hildebrandt Services for their diligence inspecting and cleaning culverts/outfalls. Additional culverts maintenance needed on:

- 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue (Joel, talk with property owner)
- Colonial, Eisenhower - culverts plugged
- 2493 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue driveway - culvert plugged
- Hidden Hollow Court- consider culvert extension and blow out by County
- Elm & Walnut Street – owner has debris in right away; need to mow ditches. (Joel will talk to property owner)
- 54<sup>th</sup> ST & 65<sup>th</sup> Ave, next to Marion motorcycle shop; investigate reimbursement by cable company
- MS4 permit accepted

A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Messmer for two culvert replacements. One on 54<sup>th</sup> ST, E of 65<sup>th</sup> Ave and one on 65<sup>th</sup> Ave & 54<sup>th</sup> ST SE (by KOA). 54<sup>th</sup> estimated at \$14,845.50 3 yes.

**Road Update –**

- 50<sup>th</sup> ST & 65<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to be rocked (by Marion Cemetery)
- Brookview Ct SE – potholes filled to be filled by Hildebrandt
- Spraying – M/M/S by Messmer/Schoenfelder to spray Township roads (scheduled for mid-June – August). Colleen to add notice to Marion Website regarding upcoming ditch spraying
- Horseshoe Court (off Co. Rd 9) Haverhill Township requesting blacktop cost sharing. John to f/up with Ben Johnson what portion of Horseshoe Court lies within Marion Township
- 1929 Bear Court SE- Road has settled
- Pearson Bros. bid – a M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to accept the chip-n-seal bid with the removal of Oak Park Circle. Roger to contact Pearson and request updated bid.
- Townline Road – John will follow-up with Pleasant Grove regarding cost sharing. Roger to call coordinate rock and blading with Hildebrandt.
- Gavin Lane, Woodrose (1/2 width) and Cambridge Hill Road – A M/M/S by Schoenfelder/Bjerke to accept M & M blacktop bid. Colleen to scan and return bids to M & M.
- Signage – Roger to call County and request a replacement of “Dead End” sign on 77<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup>
- Cambridge Hills & Highland Avenue concerns over ATV usage. Per GIS map, the Cambridge Hills HOA owns this land. No action taken.
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Fire Contract – The Fire Contracted between City of Rochester and Marion, Rochester, Cascade and Haverhill Townships has been fully executed for a ten (10) year period beginning Jan 1, 2026 thru Dec 31, 2035.

Dog Bites -

- Dog Owner Fournier – under review and Dunlap & Seeger sent letter; no response to date.
- Dog Owner Muthart – under review and Dunlap & Seeger unable to contact dog owner; will send a certified letter requesting proof of injury.

2024 Audit – Smith & Schaefer completed their audit and recommended MPCA payments be deducted from the MPCA fund and not the General Fund, and we should consider lowering the MPCA levy in the future to reduce surplus funds.

A M/M/S by Bjerke/Messmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Bjerke, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Colleen Bjerke, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_