

August 4, 2026

The Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio met in a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with the following members and visitors present:

Ms. Karen McCleary	Present	Mr. Ben Creasap	Present
Mr. Larry Ballinger	Present	Ms. Sheila Perin	Present

Employees: Ron Phillips, Brian Thomas

In Attendance: Lynn Clabaugh, Ken Gibson, Dave Gibson, Erik Stearns

A public hearing was held to consider the rezoning application of Amalen Properties LLC to rezone property located at 1039 N. Main St., Marion, OH. The property is currently zoned B-2 and the request is to have it rezoned to I-3. This property is Ed's Towing and they are proposing to build an 8200 square foot building. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the rezoning of 1039 N. Main St., Marion, OH from B-2 to I-3. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes. Motion carried.

The second hearing to come before the board tonight is to consider the rezoning application of Daniel Taylor to rezone property located at 741 Pole Lane Rd., Marion, OH. The property is currently zoned B-2 and the request is to have it rezoned to Industrial. Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the rezoning of 741 Pole Lane Rd., from B-2 to Industrial. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the July 7, 2026 meeting minutes. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ken Gibson asked the board for an update on 1827 Matheny Dr. He feels the township needs to keep pursuing this issue because the residents are harassing his family. Jeff Cummins explained that the prosecutor's office is involved and they are working on wordage.

COMMUNICATION: An email was sent to the trustees regarding the upcoming budget commission hearing to be held on August 25, 2026 at 10:30 am.

OLD BUSINESS

No updates on Chapel Heights Cemetery.

Updates from Marion Public Health re: shed property on 1827 Matheny Ave. Jeff Cummins reported that he has been in contact with the county prosecutor's office.

Updates on Drexel Ave. Jeff Cummins reported that small progress has been made on this property.

Ms. Perin submitted a quote received from Mike Burkhardt for landscaping the front and side of township administration building. The quote is for \$3,250 and this involves bringing in river rock and placing it in beds to alleviate weeds. The property will be cleaned up as well. Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the quote for \$3,250. Seconded by Ms. McCleary. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Meddles notified the board of firefighter Matt Wollett's retirement effective August 1.

Interviews were held and the following people have been hired:

Hunter Malo (August 16)

Maddie DeHaven (September 1)

Trent Crum (September 1)

Austin Edgell (40 hour position effective September 1) Will transition to 24 hour shifts following next retirement.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the hiring of four (4) firefighters; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles asked for approval to sell the old 313 engine on GovDeals. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the sale of #313 engine on Gov Deals; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brian Thomas will check with Chief Meddles about a minimum bid.

Road Department

Mowed township and complex 4 times

Cut trees and limbs from stop sign on Woodbine

Crack sealed Copeland and Barford

Sprayed all township with weed killer
Picked up trash on Fountain St.
Fixed street sign at Jamesway and Westminster
More problem properties on Ruth and Parkview
Cut trees off road on Woodridge
Cleaned grass off of catch basins
Pot hole patched Buena and Kingwood

Zoning

26-7-6-B2 7/6/26 Rodney Knickel 195 Barks Rd W B2 Signs \$500.00 Granted
26-7-13-R2 7/13/26 Kurt Scheib 1033 Olive Ave R1B Garage \$100.00 Granted
26-7-13-R1 7/13/26 Kim Vance 1603 Matheny Ave R1A Shed \$50.00 Granted
26-7-17-R1 7/17/26 Jason Arnold 1540 Southland Parkway R2 Fence \$50.00 Granted
26-7-17-R2 7/17/26 Jason Arnold 1540 Southland Parkway R2 Shed \$50.00 Granted
26-7-17-R3 7/17/26 Jason Arnold 1540 Southland Parkway R3 Porch \$50.00 Granted
26-6-12-I3 7/20/26 Smith Material Supply 1571 N Main St I3 Accessory Structure
\$1,105.00 Granted
26-7-22-R1 7/22/26 Margaret Detweiler 1118 Woodbine Ave R1B Primary Residence
\$536.78 Granted

Total \$2,441.78

Fire Department

We conducted interviews and came to the conclusion to present our recommendations to the board for employment.

Hunter Malo

Maddie Dehaven

Trent Crum

And to fill a 40-hour position, Austin Edgell.

Would like to board to consider this and approve if no objection. The start dates will be figured out as the hiring process takes some time. Our goal is at least by September 1st have this process completed and on shift.

Would like to congratulate Matt Wollett on retiring after 29 years of service.

Our new Engine/Rescue 313 in at the station. We need to complete equipment transfers from old to new and install radio. The crews will be completing drivers training and then placing in service.

Would like the board to approve the sale of the old rescue by any means possible, probably Gov Deals.

New Medic is out of service due to Check Engine Light at Mathews Dodge. Should be back very soon.

Back up Medic is out of service due to coolant leak. Will be in for repair Monday, Aug 3. Hopefully quick fix. We are currently borrowing a Medic from Scioto Valley. We thank them.

Zoning Inspector Jeff Cummins would like to have old truck 302. Ron Phillips will take truck to Lube Depot.

Ron Phillips received (2) quotes for (4) new tires. Estimate will be approximately \$1,000. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the purchase of (4) new tires; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Creasap made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Ballinger seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

_____	Ms. Karen McCleary, Chairman
_____	Mr. Larry Ballinger, Vice-Chairman
_____	Mr. Ben Creasap, Trustee
_____	Ms. Sheila Perin, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Marion Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and /or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in the meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.