

April 1, 2025

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

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

EMPLOYEES: Mark McCleary, Chief Meddles, Ron Phillips, Doug Reinschell, Jacob Levings, Andrew Park, Ryan Lovett, Jeff Harbaugh, Matt Wollett, Darrin Hollenbaugh, Chris Schlecht, Joshua Ball

GUESTS: Roger Dietrich

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bid opening for the 2025 road paving project.

Bids received from: Shelly and Sands -- \$204,414.00
Kokosing Construction Company -- \$226,167.30
McB Paving -- \$221,189.30
Earthworm 223,915.40

Ms. McCleary moved to accept the bid from Shelly and Sands as the lowest bidder. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mr. Creasap; yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2025 regular meeting. Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION:

Ms. Perin informed the board that the CD at Fahey Bank matures on April 20. Her recommendation is to roll the CD over for another 6 months. Ms. McCleary made a motion to extend the CD at Fahey Bank for another six months, Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning amendment proposals – nothing new to report.

Mr. McCleary will receive an updated quote for the work on the exterior of township hall.

Chief Meddles reported that he should have a firmer delivery date in early summer.

NEW Business

Darrin Hollenbaugh addressed the board with information regarding budget information and firefighter retention.

Chief Meddles is requesting to replace windows and the two exterior doors at Station #1.

Chief is also requesting approval to request bids to repair parking lot at Station #1.

Chief Meddles is also asking for approval for the authentication process for MARCS radios. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Motion carried.

Road Department

Drainage issues on Cascade Dr. and Chapel Hts.
Limbs down, (high winds)
Stop sign on Jamesway & Somerset (hit)
Lights repaired on truck 395, billed by city
Pot hole patched, Brookpark, New Park, Edgefield
Picked up snow plow markers
Clean catch basins
Put up new sign on Kilbury & Oxford, NO PARKING
Picked up trash on Fountain Street, 8 bags
Spot berm, Peterson & Dennis Ave

Zoning

<u>25-3-10-C-1</u>	10-Mar-2025	Zoning Change	\$300.00	Josh Daniels	Southland Parkway
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<u>25-3-10-S-2</u>	10-Mar-2025	Sign	\$200.00	Justin Rowe	1239 Mt. Vernon Ave
<u>25-3-16-S-1</u>	16-Mar-2025	Sign	\$600.00	Gardner Signs	279 Jamesway
25-3-24-R-1	24-Mar-2025	Fence/Shed	\$100.00	Angela Tennar	1020 Richland Terrace

Chief Meddles is asking the board for approval to hire Devan Miller as a new full-time firefighter effective April 1. Gavin's start date is April 1, 2025. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the hiring of Devan Miller effective April 1, 2025, seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn out of regular session and enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion and the Board adjourned out of regular session and entered into executive session at 6:12 pm.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn out of executive session and re-enter into regular session, seconded by Mr. Creasap. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:44 pm.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the leave of absence for Andrew Park until April 30, 2025 upon the completion of passing his paramedic test. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to retain attorney David Reidenbaugh for a BWC claim which was filed by a former firefighter employee. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Creasap seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

Mr. Ben Creasap, Chairman

Ms. Karen McCleary, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Larry Ballinger, 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.