

February 3, 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: Ben Meddles, Brian Thomas

In Attendance: Ken Stiverson, Bryan McCleary

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the January 6, 2026 and the special meeting minutes from January 22, 2026. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Stiverson introduced himself and informed the Board that he is running for county commissioner again.

COMMUNICATION: Ms. Perin informed the Board that she received a call from the Ohio Department of Taxation. There has been an error on their end with municipalities receiving monies from the Adult Cannabis Use Program. Marion Township will be receiving approximately \$238,000 monies that have been owed to the township from back in the fall of 2024.

Ms. Perin also reported that she has once again spoken to the owner of the Comfort Inn and notified him that he was behind on paying his lodging excise tax. He still owes from November and December of 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on fire department vehicles – Chief Meddles reported that the new truck should be finished the end of March. By the time all the equipment is installed it may be able to be placed in service in April.

Engine #321 had a check engine light come on. The truck should be covered under warranty but Cummins said the problem is not covered under warranty. The repair for the turbo is \$14,000. The new medic had a check engine light come on and it was taken to Mathews and they couldn't find anything wrong with it. Chief said it is working fine now and is keeping an

eye on it. Truck #330 is on Gov Deals and thinks he can sell it on Gov Deals for around \$4,000.

The drywall repairs at the township have been completed. The invoice for this was \$1637.00. Ms., Perin received a quote from Rachel Miracle for painting the interior of township hall. The quote for one coat of paint is \$6,912.00; two coats of paint the quote is \$9,216.00. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to accept the quotes as submitted; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Levy paperwork for the fire levy for the May election has been submitted to the Board of Elections.

Road Department

Washed all trucks
Cleaned building #3
Cleaned catch basins
Stay patched Edgefield, Laura Dr. and New Park
Fixed signs on Westminster and Van Atta
Fixed mailbox on Garden Place
Twelve days of Snow and Ice

Zoning

26-1-9-R1 Kasey Caudill R-S 184 Barford Rd Accessory Structure \$100 granted
26-01-14-S1 Mark Rubcich/Fastsigns B-2 136 McMahan Blvd. Sign \$200 granted
26-1-16-R1 James Johnson R-1A 1753 Marion Edison Rd Shed \$50.00 granted

Fire Department

No report

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Creasap made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Ballinger seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:23 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.