

January 6, 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:

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

**In Attendance:** Garrett Blackwell, Rich Fender, Shawn Barr, Ben Weber

A public hearing was held to approve the rezoning of 280 W. Fairground St. from IA to OIA. Ruscilli Construction is planning the construction of a senior independent living facility “Marion Aging in Place”. This project is estimated to be completed by mid-2027. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the rezoning for the building of these senior apartments. Mr. Creasap seconded. Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the December 2, 2025 and the December 30, 2025 year end meeting minutes; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ben Weber spoke to the Board regarding his running for State Representative.

**COMMUNICATION:** No communication received.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Cybersecurity discussion. Check with OTA and Karen will contact Jon Haas.

Update on fire department vehicles – Chief Meddles reported that the new truck is close to being delivered.

### **New Business**

Ms. Perin read the annual temporary appropriation resolution.

Ohio met in regular session on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, at the office

Of the Board of Trustees with the following members present:

Karen McCleary                      Larry Ballinger                      Ben Creasap

Ms. McCleary moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the *Board of Trustees* of Marion Township,

Marion County Ohio that to provide for the current expenses and

other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year, ending *December 31, 2026*

the following sums be and the same are hereby set aside and *appropriated* for the several purposes

for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year, as follows, viz:

Mr. Creasap seconded the **Resolution** and the

roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes

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Ms. Perin read Form 1 declaring it necessary to levy a renewal and increase of an existing tax in excess of the ten mill limitation.

Ms. Perin provided a quote received from Dustin Welsh to repair the drywall on the interior of township hall. The quote will be less than \$2000. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve drywall repairs at township hall; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Study for Edgefield Dr. Hoping to get grant monies for this.

### **Road Department**

Cleaned out catch basins on Woodridge Dr

Snow and ice ( six days)  
Fixed signs on Drexel and Strawberry Ln  
Repaired lawns ( plow damage )  
Fixed mail box on Lusch Rd  
Worked on catch basins on Cascade , Jamesway, and Kibbey Dr.  
Washed all trucks  
Removed limbs from some roadways due to high winds

**Zoning**

25-12-5-S1 Danite Sign Co B2 1514 Mt Vernon Ave Sign \$2400.00 granted  
25-12-5-R1 Kelly Rush R1 1000 Greenlea Dr Porch addition \$50.00 granted  
25-12-5-R2 Phillip Lee RS 2788 Hillman-Ford Rd Accessory structure \$100.00 granted  
25-12-22-B1 Jeffrey Lonchor B2 759 Kibbey Dr. New Construction \$7500.00 granted  
25-12-30-R1 Marianne Todd/Mae Fence Co 1550 Kingwood Cir Fence \$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 6:45 pm.

_____	Ms. Karen McCleary, 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.