

May 5, 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: Bryan McCleary, Levi Sharp, Tim Price, Mike Ring, Rodney Knickel

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Levi Sharp and Tim Price were in attendance to discuss the junk vehicles on Drexel Ave. Levi was asking what the time frame was to remove it vehicles. The fiscal officer gave Mr. Sharp the phone numbers for Marion County Health Department and the Marion County Prosecutors.

Mr. Knickel was in attendance to see what he has to do to be in compliance with signage for his new arcade. After a lengthy discussion, nothing was resolved.

COMMUNICATION: The fiscal officer received communication from Jacob Evans from Home Buys requesting a TREX transfer for beer and wine sales. Ms. Perin explained that she has not received any paperwork as yet from the Board of Liquor Control.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. McCleary gave an update on the Chapel Heights Memorial Cemetery. Nothing new to discuss.

Roger Dietrich is recommending paving Oxford Rd. in place of Brookpark since Brookpark is barricaded.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to approve employment of attorney Dave Riepenhoff of Fishel, Downey, Albrecht, and Riepenhoff law firm. Resolution was read:

MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION

NO. 2026-0505

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, Marion Township Board of Trustees finds it advisable or necessary to have additional legal counsel to provide advice and representation regarding labor and employment, contracts, zoning, and other township legal matters as requested matters consistent with their Legal Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board has appropriated or has available certain sum for legal services for 2026;

WHEREAS, the Board finds the law firm of Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLC qualified to perform these services, and desires to appoint such legal counsel pursuant to O.R.C. 309.09(B) to provide the additional legal services as requested by the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio (the “Board”) that:

Section 1. The Board retains Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLC, (“Attorneys”), to provide advice and representation regarding labor and employment, contracts, zoning, and other township legal matters as requested matters consistent with their Legal Services Agreement dated April 7, 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

Section 2. The compensation of the Attorneys and other terms of the engagement is to be per the terms of said Legal Services Agreement; and

Section 3. The Board’s Chairperson is authorized to execute the engagement Legal Services Agreement and return a fully executed copy to the Attorneys.

Section 3. This action and all deliberations upon this matter were conducted and taken in open meetings in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

This **Resolution** shall take effect and be in force from the date of its adoption.

Motion: Ms. McCleary

Second: Mr. Creasap

Vote: Ms. McCleary; yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes. Motion carried.

Shine a light on Dumpers Grant application. Ms. McCleary has asked the Board to review this document.

Road Department

Cleaned limbs off roadways (high winds)
Cleaned end of drain tiles all township
Cleaned catch basins on Willow wood and Oxford
Worked on lights on truck #399 & #392
Fixed signs bent from the wind
Cleaned roadways from debris caused by excessive rainfall
Got all salt off bobcat
Mowed and weed eat all township
Rebuilt catch basin at complex

Zoning

Goodwill Industries – 300 W. Fairground	\$616.66
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Jason Arnold – 1540 Southland Pkwy.	\$ 50
Bradley & Susan Bell – 552 Wheeler	\$100
Bobbi Brodman – 809 Richland Terr.	\$50
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Donald Reid – 1181 Merkle Ave.	\$50
Rodney Knickel – 195 Barks Rd. W	\$200
Andrew Murray – Kroger Gas Station	\$900
Guadalupe Corona – 265 Ruth Ave.	\$50
Matt Kurz – 1124 Forest Hill Dr.	\$907.50
Kevin & Lisa Smith – 301 Sara Ave.	\$50

Hannah Ferguson & Joshua Harkness – 2376 Marion Upper Sandusky Rd. \$50

TOTAL = \$4,307.50

Fire Department

Final inspection on new truck is May 11, 2026.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn out of regular session and enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Ms. McCleary seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Creasap, Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes. The Board adjourned into executive session at 6:55 pm.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn from executive session and enter back into regular session. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion.. The board returned to regular session at 7:53 pm.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Creasap made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Ballinger seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 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.