

October 7, 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

In Attendance: Mauri Morse

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

COMMUNICATION: No communication.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. McCleary moved to accept the September 2, 2025 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Ballinger.

Record location of history of farm animals. Discussion held regarding placing documentation in the township zoning book regarding this subject.

Motion to amend the planned CRA property district and present to the Marion County Commissioners. Advised that county commissioners approved it. Dave Stamolis said the township does not have the authority to approve or disapprove.

New Business

Resolution for phase 2 of property cleanup at 383 Carolyn Dr.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10.07

FURTHER REMOVAL OF NUISANCE AT 383 CAROLYN DR., MARION, OH.

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION to provide for the further removal of solid waste, wood, tree trunks, wooden planks, limbs, woodworking equipment, temporary tarped shelter and other debris by homeowner Robert E. Bishop, located at 383 Carolyn Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302 pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87.

WHEREAS: Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 505.87 specifically vests Marion Township Board of Trustees with statutory authority to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, equipment and other debris from land in the township, if the board determines that the owner's maintenance of that vegetation, garbage, refuse, equipment or other debris constitutes a nuisance.

WHEREAS: The Marion Township Trustees have determined the property located at 383 Carolyn Drive, Marion, Ohio continues to be a nuisance as defined by R.C. 505.87. The homeowner, Robert E. Bishop was notified on October 8th, 2025, to abate and remove all tree logs, limbs, split wood, wooden planks and other debris including wood saws, woodworking equipment, log splitter and as well as any temporary tarped shelter from the front and side yards of said property within seven (7) days. Homeowner shall not block access by chaining tree trunks to a trailer or prevent access by failing to remove a vehicle blocking a driveway. The Marion Township Trustees will employ a contractor(s) who will remove all the above if the homeowner, Robert E. Bishop fails to abate the property within the next seven days.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be immediately posted at 383 Carolyn Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302 and after the 7th day of posting the Marion Township trustees shall cause the nuisance (all tree logs, limbs, split wood, wooden planks and other debris including wood saws, woodworking equipment, log splitter as well as any temporary tarped shelter from the front and side yards of said property) to be abated with all costs for the abatement being certified to the property tax duplicate for the above referenced address. Said homeowner, Robert E. Bishop shall cease and desist continued collection of same nuisance property following this abatement and failure to do so may be dealt with through further legal action.

THE AFORESAID matter came before the Board of Marion Township Trustees on October 7th, 2025, at a regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting.

Mrs. McCleary made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Creasap.

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Marion Township approved this resolution to be effective October 7th, 2025.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept the resignation of James Herring. Seconded by Mr. Creasap. Motion carried. Mr. Herring's last day worked was October 3, 2025.

Chief Meddles reported that the fire department has been awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$167,160.00. The township's portion is \$7,260.00. Motion made by Ms. McCleary to accept the award of a FEMA grant in the amount of \$167,160.00 with the township's cost of \$7,260.00; seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles is asking for approval to sell truck 330 on Gov Deals. Motion made by Mr. Ballinger to approve the selling of truck 330; seconded by Ms. McCleary. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles reported that he attended a 2-day class on recruitment and retention. Marion Township is not the only entity having problems keeping employees.

Chief Meddles provided a quote for exterminating services for 2026 from Dave Dilsaver who has started his own business called DMDIL Enterprises. His quote for providing exterminating services on an annually is \$2,160. Mr. Creasap made a motion to accept the proposed quote from DMDIL for exterminating services for 2026 at a cost of \$2,160.00; motion seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-0930

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY POLICY

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has implemented Ohio Revised Code §9.64, enacted in HB 96 (136th G.A.), requiring all local governments and jurisdictions to establish a cybersecurity policy by September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this requirement is to strengthen protections of public data, information systems, and technology resources from cybersecurity threats and risks; and

WHEREAS, the Marion Township recognizes the importance of safeguarding sensitive and confidential information entrusted to Marion Township; and

WHEREAS, a draft Cybersecurity Policy has been prepared and reviewed by staff and is

recommended for adoption as a framework for compliance with Ohio Revised Code §9.64 and HB 96; and

WHEREAS, the policy provides guidance on access control, system security, data protection, incident response, training, and vendor management, while requiring consultation with IT professionals and legal counsel for implementation and customization;

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

1. The attached Cybersecurity Policy is hereby adopted as the official policy of Marion Township.
2. This policy shall take effect immediately, with adoption required by September 30, 2025, and implementation of technical and training requirements no later than June 30, 2026, as provided by the Ohio Auditor of State.
3. The Board of Trustees shall distribute the adopted policy to all township departments, employees, and relevant contractors, and to ensure compliance in partnership with IT providers and legal counsel.
4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption by the Marion Township Board of Trustees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of October, 2025.

Chief Meddles is seeking approval to loan the fire bell to the Marion County Fire Chief Association for use for ceremonial purposes.

Road Department

Picked flags at cemeteries

Chipped off paint on guard rails and repainted on Virginia, Laura, Sara, Cascade, and Chapel Heights.

Spot bermed Emerson, Euclid, Dennison, and Lexington

Cut brush on Emerson and Isel

Worked on driveway on Willow Way.

Cleaned curbs on Southland, New Park, Avon Lake, and Jamesway

Cleaned stone off intersections on Waterworks, Fontaine, Quarry Park, Lealand, Greenlea, and New Park

Mowed Fontaine and quarry Park (Big Tractor)

Installed new battery on Tractor

Zoning

25-9-5-R-1	9/1/2025	Chad and Elizabeth Arther	R-1	222 Edgefield Blvd
Residential	Fence	\$50.00	Granted	

25-9-5-R-2	9/1/2025	Chad and Elizabeth Arther	R-1	222 Edgefield Blvd
Residential	Pool	\$100.00	Granted	

25-9-5-S2	9/5/2025	Nathan Ervin Custom sign center Clayton Homes	Comm	1850 Marion Mt. Gilead Rd.
		General Commercial Sign	\$400.00	Granted

25-9-5-R3	9/5/2025	Vance Heck	R-1	2393 Victory Rd.
Residential	Double Wide Trailer	\$425.00	Granted	

25-9-6-R-1	9/6/2025	Scott Sterling	R-1	972 Greenlea Dr.
Residential	Shed	\$50.00	Granted	

25-9-15-R1	9/15/2025	Tommy Pierce	R-1	224 Orton St.
Residential	Pool	\$100.00	Granted	

25-9-15-R2 9/15/2025 Larry Popp R-1 1125 Richland Terrance
Residential Accessory Home Str. \$100.00 Granted

25-9-17-R-1 9/17/2025 Stacy Blankenship R-1 746 Harvey Dr. Residential
Fence \$50.00 Granted

25-9-19-COM 9/19/2025 Will Sampson Comm 1952 Marion Mt. Gilead Rd
Gen Comm Sign \$1,000.00 Granted

25-9-22-R2 9/22/2025 Matthew Tobias R-2 2605 Curren Dr. Residential
Fence \$50.00 Granted

25-9-22-R1 9/22/2025 Brandan Polley R-1 575 Wheeler Dr. Residential
Access Home Str \$100.00 Granted

Fire Department

No report.

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 6:50 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 7:13 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. McCleary to hire Patrick Lundy as a new firefighter; seconded by Mr. Creasap. Start date for Mr. Lundy will be November 1, 2025.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCleary. seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 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.