

April 5, 2022

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

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

**EMPLOYEES:** Chief Meddles, Ron Phillips

**GUESTS:** Glen Marzluf and Kris Dye with Delco Water; Mike Yost

Two representatives from Delco Water were in attendance to discuss and bring the board up to date regarding the public meeting that was held a few weeks ago. They explained there is still interest in running water to the Yorkshire and Kingwood neighborhoods but they are going to have to mail out another survey. They are also looking at financial options for the project. Ms. McCleary made a motion to propose a letter of recommendation for the project from the Trustees. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary also wanted it noted that the trustees and the county commissioners each received a letter with water questions from Yorkshire resident, Nancy Carey and her mother, Mary Davidson. Ms. McCleary wanted it clarified that the Marion Township Trustees have no authority over the water project. The Marion County Commissioners have no jurisdiction over this as well. Individual homeowners can decide if they want to “tap in” to water lines or not.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mike Yost was in attendance to discuss dilapidated properties and trash in the residents’ yard. He also discussed Lexington Ave. He discussed that there is supposed to be a road closed sign at the end of the road. It is no longer there. Mr. Phillips from the Road Department said he would put a “road closed” sign there.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the March 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: All correspondence that has received has been emailed to the trustees and Chief Meddles.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Creasap reported he and Mr. Phillips need to get more quotes for trucks. The quotes that have been received so far do not meet their specifications.

List of roads for 2022 paving and the Edgefield Dr. project update need to be tabled per a pending analysis by National Pavement Analysis, LLC.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Roger Dietrich is asking the Board to approve an analysis proposal from National Pavement Analysis LLC for township road evaluation. The quote for this analysis study is \$3,950. Tim Herbst is a former ODOT employee and can offer his services to give the township asphalt

paving and maintenance guidance for the next few years. Motion made by Mr. Creasap to have the road analysis study. Seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary shared that Bob Snavely of Palmer Energy informed Marion Township that changes will be coming, related to the township's natural gas aggregation account. It appears that Volunteer Energy will be filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy any day now and liquidating their assets. Mr. Snavely explained that prices will undoubtedly be higher than the pricing we locked in with Volunteer over a year ago. Mr. Snavely explained it is early, but Palmer Energy will be submitting RFP (request for pricing) with other companies and will address the Board of Trustees when he receives another update.

OTARMA recommendations re: deficiencies. It was recommended that Mr. Creasap contact Ms. Gonzalez as to the deficiencies since he is a new trustee.

A resolution was read by Ms. Perin to accept the standard allowance option for ARPA monies.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0405(a)**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ELECTING TO TAKE THE "STANDARD ALLOWANCE" OF UP TO \$10,000,000 AS THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE LOSS FOR USE FOR THE PROVISION OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES UNDER SECTION 603(c)(1)(C) OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" (ARP), H.R. 1319, Public Law 117-2, was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 11, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Section 603(b)(3) of ARP sets aside a sum of funds available to Townships for use in accordance with its provisions referred to as the "Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

WHEREAS, Section 603(c)(1)(C) of ARP allows use of such funds "for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such \*\*\* township due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the \*\*\* or township prior to the emergency"; and,

WHEREAS, the US Treasury has adopted various rules attached to the use of these funds, having issued a Final Rule on January 6, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, § 35.6(d) of the Final Rule provides for the use of a "standard allowance" or for the use of a calculation formula by which an entity may determine the amount of "revenue loss" pursuant to Section 603(c)(1)(C) of the ARP, but provides that recipients "must make a one-time election" between those options; and,

WHEREAS, the election provided for under § 35.6(d)(1) of the Final Rule allowing a recipient to take up to \$10,000,000 as a standard allowance provides the Township with more certainty as to exactly how much "revenue loss" funds may be used to provide for "the provision of government services" over the multi-year performance period allowed for use of APR funds; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Marion Township Board of Trustees, County of Marion, State of Ohio:

That we do hereby elect, under § 35.6(d)(1) of the Final Rule, to take up to \$10,000,000 as a "standard allowance" for the "provision of government services";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of this standard allowance may be for the direct providing of government services, or they may be used as a secondary/additional legal justification or support for an ARP-funded project/purchase in the event such a project was

later deemed not to be otherwise appropriate for funding use under Section 603(c)(1)(A), (B), or (D) of the ARP.

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**THE AFORESAID** matter came before the Marion Township Board of Trustees on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes. Motion carried.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marion Township Board of Trustees approved this resolution to be effective the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

A resolution was read by Ms. Perin to transfer of \$300,000 to the capital improvement fund (4901) from the general fund (1000).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0405**

**IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION** to recommend the transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund (1000) to the Miscellaneous Capital Improvements Fund (4901) for budget year 2022. It is the intent of the Township Board to increase this budget account for Miscellaneous Capital Improvements.

**WHEREAS**, there are revenues available in the General Fund of Marion Township and the transfer was budgeted. Motion made by Ms. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Ballinger.

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marion Board of Trustees of Marion Township approved a transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund (1000) to the Miscellaneous Capital Improvement Fund (4901) in accordance with O.R.C. 5705.14 to be effective April 5, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, the resolution was declared adopted April 5, 2022.

Ms. McCleary reported that the Health Dept District Advisory Council has a representative from each township. One thing is that they have a \$1,000,000 grant to help with septic systems but it is for low income. Also mentioned was that if the township has over 100 tires they will take them.

Marion County EMA board met last week and the fees have increased. Ms. McCleary reported that the county commissioners do not pay this fee.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept the quote for \$1800 from Atom Electric to install fuel pumps behind building #2. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Zoning**

Mr. McCleary, Zoning Inspector, reported on the problem property owned by Randall Hartley.

Mr. McCleary also received a complaint from Sharon Kantzer about a business in a residence on Evergreen Dr. Mr. McCleary has taken care of this issue.

### **Road Department**

Pothole patch - Linda Mel, Carolyn, Wheeler  
Flooding - Edgefield Dr ( checked out catch basin)  
Fixed mailboxes - Westminster ( new box and wood )  
Fixed mailbox - Hathaway Lane ( new wood)  
Put new sign up on Fountain St - NO DUMPING  
Cut limbs - Yorkshire, Kingwood, Lindberg  
Measured to be paved - Strawberry Ave & Denning  
Snaked - North State and Lawndale  
Changed oil in 391 truck and big Jon Deere tractor  
Open up Quarry Park (take barricades down)  
New signs on Chapel Heights and Lindberg (bent and faded)  
Roger Dietrich to coordinate with Brad Irons on starting Edgefield Project  
Roger to look into flooding issues on Hickory, Siesta and Forest Hill Drives  
Patched end of Isel Ave due to plow damage  
Sat in on audio webinar on Williamsport roundabout on March 25, 2022  
Scheduled to start on October 22, 2022

### **Fire Department**

At the time of this report, the department has responded to 584 calls for service.

Breakdown is as follows:

2022 EMS 439 Fires 26 Misc 119

2021 EMS 429 Fires 20 Misc 112

Department has had some units need service,  
Ladder 311 developed an air leak and out rigger issues  
Rescue 313 had primer pump go out  
Medic 304 needed tires due to cut and normal PM

Fire department is holding a basic fire investigation class at the township hall over the next 2 weeks. The class is being put on by Apollo Career Center.

Firefighter Justin Bentley submitted his resignation letter. His last day with Marion Township is March 31, 2022. He accepted a position with Marysville Fire.

Application period is over for the 2 current openings. Chief received 9 applications. After review, will be scheduling interviews.

The fuel tank @ Station 1 has been converted to Diesel only. A tank for gasoline has been placed at the township behind building 2. Atom Electric has performed the required electrical hook up. The road department uses more gasoline in warmer weather and this location will better serve them.

Fire fighters are in the process of yearly physicals. Should be completed by end of May.

2022 is the last year for the FEMA Safer Grant. This year we are only receiving 35% wage assistance leaving the remaining 65% on the township. December 31, 2022 will complete this grant.

If the board was to pay off the tanker with ARP funds, it would save roughly \$30,000.00 in finance charges.

A new squad for 2023 quote was \$289,000.00

Then purchase an engine/rescue and finance that over 10 years. Financing \$900,000 over 10years is \$105,876 per year roughly.

Any money down would reduce the finance costs of course. Department would also try and sell the current engine rescue as well.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Creasap seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 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.