

August 1, 2023

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	Excused
Mr. Ben Creasap	Present	Ms. Sheila Perin	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief Meddles, Mark McCleary, Ron Phillips

GUESTS: Roger Dietrich, Josh Daniels, Ken Lengieza, Rich Fender

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 21, 2023 and special meeting minutes from July 13, 2023. Ms. McCleary seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence received regarding an OPWC loan for 2025. Correspondence was given to Roger Dietrich for his perusal.

Moment of silence held for Sheryl Simmons former zoning secretary who recently passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of EMS service contracts to other townships since MedCare's departure. Chief Meddles doesn't have any update. The prosecutor's office said everything looked good to go. The township needs to write our own individual agreements per township. He would like to add that we have nothing in place for several other fire departments. Once they can prove that their existence is stable and treat them like all the rest.

New Business

Resolution to approve a tax abatement in the amount of 60% for 10 years to Cascade Waste and Development located at 1690 Cascade Dr. was read by the fiscal officer.

MARION TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-0801

A RESOLUTION BY THE MARION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDING TERMS FOR THE MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CASCADE WASTE AND RECYCLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ABATEMENT OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX AT A PROCESSING FACILITY AT 1690 CASCADE DRIVE, MARION, OHIO, TO ENCOURAGE CASCADE WASTE AND RECYCLING TO BUILD AT THAT SITE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-0801 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (TRUSTEES) of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio finds that CASCADE WASTE AND RECYCLING (COMPANY) is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities in the Marion-Claridon-Tully-Green Camp Enterprise Zone and to improve the economic climate of the County of Marion; and

WHEREAS, the COMPANY has agreed, contingent on tax abatement to locate a facility on CASCADE DRIVE as an industrial material recycling and waste transfer facility,

WHEREAS, the number of full-time jobs to be added from this new building is estimated at least 3 with an annual payroll estimated to be at least \$150,000 from these positions; and

WHEREAS, Since the requested abatement is not over 60% for 10 years, School District approval is not required, but River Valley Local Schools and Tri Rivers Career Center were notified on July 11, 2023 of this Township Meeting, then

BE IT RESOLVED by Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Trustees hereby recommend that the Marion County Board of Commissioners enter into an agreement with the COMPANY pursuant to Section 5709.63 (A) ORC, for the abatement of real property tax at a rate of 60% for a period of ten (10) years. Said exemption shall be effective the first year for which the real property would first be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation. The abatement shall be on the amount invested in the three (3) year project term starting with the date of the agreement with the County, but not more than a total of ten (10) years.

Section 2. That Trustees further recommend that the agreement remain in effect only for as long as the COMPANY operates a plant with a workforce of at least 3 employees after December 31, 2024. In any three-year (3) period during which this agreement is in effect after January 1, 2025, if the actual number of employee positions created or retained by the COMPANY is not equal to or greater than seventy-five per cent of the number of employee positions estimated to be created or retained under this agreement during that three-year (3) period, the COMPANY shall repay the amount of taxes on property that would have been payable had the property not been exempted from taxation under this agreement during that three-year period. In addition, Marion County may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement. Further, if the facility ceases operations during the term of the agreement, the COMPANY, or its successors, shall not only forfeit additional tax abatement, but shall repay to Marion County all taxes previously forgiven in the previous five (5) years under the agreement.

Section 3. Irrespective of other provisions, if the COMPANY, during the term of this abatement, initiates an annexation of this new building into a municipality and out of the unincorporated township, the company shall repay to Marion Township taxes previously forgiven under this abatement, but limited to those that would have gone to Marion Township and Marion Township tax levies, for the previous five (5) years, unless the terms of the annexation agreement with the city allow Marion Township to continue to receive these tax funds.

Section 4. That the Marion Township FISCAL OFFICER is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Marion County Commissioners.

Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2023-0801 was declared adopted the 1st day of August, 2023.

Motion was made by Ms. McCleary to allow expenditure of additional road funding to repair Edgefield Dr at Summerset at a cost of \$3,300. This will be added to the Shelly and Sands estimate. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to apply for EMS service contract for MCI prisoners for two (2) years. Chief Meddles explained that this is a state-run prison and the township fire used to cover this back in the 90's. It was then annexed to the city. The city used MedCare to provide transportation. Now that MedCare is no longer in business, is the township interested in providing service to MCI. Discussion followed. Ms. McCleary made a motion to turn down the offer to provide a service contract with MCI. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to allow upgrades to township training room via EMA audio/visual grant. This would include TV's and a smart board. Ms. McCleary made a motion to allow the upgrades; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Zoning

5	July 2023
Andrew Foley	1187 Wilshire Dr.
	\$50.00
Jack Honaker	2014 Matheny Dr.
	<u>\$50.00</u>
John Slaughterbeck	1395 Boise Rd.
	\$300.00
Joe Kessler	2563 East Dr.
	\$50.00
Chuck Dilsaver	1117 Wyoming Dr.
	\$50.00

Road Department

Mowed township properties and complex 3 times
Mowed Southland Pkwy and Phil Dreyer cemetery(Big Tractor)
Put speed limit signs on Forest Hill Dr. And Skeawood.
Pothole patched Lawrence And Waterworks Rd.

Crack sealed Hathaway and Garden Place
Cleaned catch basins all township
Mowed problem properties (1830 Matheny Dr. 470 Euclid Ave., 376 Linda Mel Dr. 310 Denning Ave.)
No engine brake sign was installed by ODOT on Rte. 423

Fire Department

The department has been working towards a promotional exam this fall. With the new contract, the need to establish a list is needed.

Chief has not seen a big increase in EMS calls for the areas north after Medicare stopped responding. From January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023, Marion Township responded to 11 runs for service.

July 1, 2023, to the current day, MTFD has responded to 4 calls for service. This is something the department watches on a regular basis.

The 2 new firefighters are starting shift work on August 2, 2023, and August 5, 2023. The department will have a swearing-in very soon.

The prosecutor came back with his opinion; our user fee contract is good and the other departments have been told to follow our language and pass individual contracts.

Marion Fire has had the need to borrow our squad numerous times these past couple of months. They are trying to purchase one.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Creasap made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCleary seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

_____	Ms. Karen McCleary, Chairman
_____	Mr. Larry Ballinger, Vice-Chairman (excused)
_____	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.