

August 3, 2021

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. Lynn Thomas	Present	Ms. Sheila Perin	Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chief Meddles, Roger Dietrich

**GUESTS:** Brent Davidson, Leanne Curren

Ms. McCleary opened the second hearing of two required hearings at 5:15 pm to remove item #22.014 “Action on Application; Time Limit” from the Zoning Code; for the Zoning inspector to act on an application. This action ends the “Moratorium” that has been in place since January 2021, while the Zoning Commission, the Zoning inspector, and the trustees could evaluate the process. Ms. McCleary made a motion to suspend the 10-day zoning application response time; Mr. Thomas seconded. The hearing was closed at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Ms. Perin received a notice and emailed it to the Board of Trustees regarding a hearing for the solar project to be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at Evers Arena, 220 E. Fairground St., Marion, OH.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Dietrich sent a detailed report of township drainage issues and what was found when Darr’s TV’d the specific areas. (report attached). Roots of the trees need to be removed. This is done by using a foam that takes the tree roots out. Darr’s can apply the foam for the roots. A few more catch basins need to be installed on Forest hill (2 of them). Pickens can do the job for \$3200 which includes re-seeding the area. Mr. Thomas made a motion to do repairs on Forest Hill; Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Dietrich also reported on the following:

Laura Dr, south of Virginia was jetted and there are big tree roots that need to be taken care of.

Carl Hughes property – irrigation system was tapped into by Josh Daniels. Josh had broken a line and he repaired it and will take care of the \$300 invoice.

Repaired tile south of Dublin Rd. That problem should be solved. Mr. Dietrich thinks we need about 2-3 catch basins on Kingwood.

Lusch – Darr’s TV’d on June 24. They got about 30 feet and found a chunk of broken tile lying in the pipe which prevented them from going any further. Mr. Dietrich contacted Daniels and he will install a catch basin.

The county engineer has completed the field work and will now work on the design work and come up with cost estimate.

Discussion held regarding the EMA fee increases going into effect for next year. The current years' fees are 2021: \$3956.00; 2022: \$4,351.60; 2023: \$4,747.20; 2024: \$5,142.80. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to accept the EMA fee increases, Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Tornado siren updates & Nixle app: Chief Meddles has been working to try to repair the tornado sirens at Station #2, airport, and OSUM. Grandview is working, station #2 needs new wire. Main goal is to get OSUM working. Ms. McCleary made a motion to maintain , and remove the tornado siren at the airport and at Station #2, and to utilize the parts for more populated areas such as OSUM and Waddell Village. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Township website update: nothing to report.

Mr. Ballinger provided an estimate from Sweepmaster, Inc. for striping Eastlawn and Phoenix at a cost of \$1823.50. Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept the estimate; Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Perin provided the Board with the estimate from Proscap for landscaping township hall at a cost of \$3900.63. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to accept the Proscap estimate; Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Ballinger reported that Ron Phillips is requesting the two pickup trucks (road department) need (4) new tires each truck for a total of (8) new tires. Mr. Phillips thinks the tires will run approximately \$200/per tire. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve; Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Perin is requesting an estimate be provided when items need purchased.

Mr. Ballinger also reported the road department would like to purchase street signs. No costs were provided.

Ms. Perin submitted required paperwork for the American Rescue Act funding. \$399,000 has been received which is approximately half of what the township will receive. Discussion held regarding possible uses for the funding. Chief Meddles attended a webinar on ARP funding and provided information from the webinar.

Ms. Perin received correspondence from Brad Irons, County Engineer which was emailed to the trustees. The Ohio Department of Transportation Grant Program is providing township's with stimulus monies for road projects. A township could receive up to \$250,000 per project. The application must be submitted by October 15, 2021. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Dietrich met with the county engineer and discussed various road projects that would qualify for this stimulus money. The recommendation is Edgefield Blvd. Mr. Thomas will need to get specific details of the project before the application can be submitted.

Ms. Perin received an invoice from the clerk of courts office for a \$50 auctioneer's fee for Ben Higgins. This is the property that was formerly owned by Larry Winsor on Van Atta Ave. Ms. Perin contacted the Clerk of Courts to explain the fee and all that was sent was a document from the Recorder's Office.

OTA webinars for September – Ms. McCleary reviewed webinars that are available for viewing to the Board and Fiscal Officer.

Ms. Perin received a phone call from Jim Shaw of the Attorney General’s office notifying the township they are eligible to receive monies from the OneOhio Settlement, which is a settlement reached with opioid distributors on July 21, 2021. Because of the timeframe, a resolution is not available at tonight’s meeting but discussion was held regarding the settlement monies. Ms. Perin will reach out to Dave Stamolis, legal counsel for the county commissioners to hear his thoughts.

**Committee Reports**

**Zoning**

<b>7</b>	<b>July 2021</b>
Sign	Pam Meeks
\$400.00	150 McMahan Blvd.
New Construction	Dylon Caudill
\$880.00	2055 Marion Bucyrus Rd.
Replacement	Branham Sign
\$800.00	1916 Marion Mt. Gilead Rd.
Fence	Tonya Gregory
\$50.00	278 Sara Ave.
Fence	RE Connors Const.
\$50.00	165 Pole Lane
Fence	Dan Kirkpatrick
\$50.00	1550 Kingwood Circle
Addition	Howard Smith
<b>\$387.50</b>	869 Adare Rd.
<b>\$2,567.50</b>	

**Road Department**

- 1) Mowed Quarry Park and Waterworks Road.
- 2) Mowed all township roads at least (3) times.

- 3) Cut trees from signs.
- 4) Fixed sign at Lindberg and Woodrow.
- 5) Sprayed weed killer (Southland Parkway, James Way, New Park Dr.)
- 6) Cleaned gutter and curves (Woodridge Rd.)
- 7) Fixed catch basins on Edgefield Blvd.
- 8) Mowed New Park and Boise.

**Fire Department**

Service call for A/C Station one. No air conditioning. Weings called and will fix. Should be under warranty.

Ladder and pump testing done last month. Found some issues with our ladder truck. Brindle will schedule repairs. Not sure what will be covered under sales agreement.

Key FOBS are being handed out to the guys.

50th Anniversary Party went well. Positive feedback. Thank you goes to the Trustees for supporting this event.

Medcare started running a dedicated squad for Big Island, Grand Prairie and Salt rock areas. This began July 1st. Chief is anticipating a reduction in calls to these areas.

Department will be attending Advance Stroke Life Support class Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

Also have some guys going to Rope Rescue training being paid for by One Energy Group. The wind Turbine company by Whirlpool.

Requested FEMA funds for our current SAFER Grant. This is done quarterly.

Fire department tanker is in production.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Thomas seconded. Roll call was as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

_____	Ms. Karen McCleary, Chairman
_____	Mr. Larry Ballinger, Vice-Chairman
_____	Mr. Lynn Thomas, 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.

