

August 6, 2024

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

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

EMPLOYEES: Mark McCleary, Ron Phillips, Chief Meddles

GUESTS: Scott Adams, Star Ohio; Brooke Bihlman, Star Ohio; Brandy Gandert

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bid opening for the Forest Hill Storm Drain Replacement was held. Four (4) bids were received. The results of the bid opening are as follows:

Driven Excavating -- \$317,823.00

Petty Farms -- \$304,193.00

Mid Ohio Land Worx -- \$293,734.00

Park Enterprise -- \$279,806.64

Roger Dietrich will review the bid package submitted by Park Enterprise and if everything is correct the bid will be awarded to them as the lowest bidder. Mr. Creasap made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Park Enterprise; seconded by Mr. Ballinger.

Brandy Gandert introduced herself as a candidate for Marion County Treasurer.

Scott Adams with Star Ohio made a presentation about investing the township CD's into StarOhio.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 9 regular meeting and the July 26, 2024 special meeting. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION: Ms. Perin received communication from the Marion County Engineer's office regarding OPWC applications. The communication was given to Mr. Creasap to give to Roger Dietrich for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark McCleary reported the bird infestation project is complete and the ceiling is in.

He also reported that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 8 at 10:00 with RC Cooper and Paul Omness to review plans for the masonry work outside.

Problem properties – Lester McMurray property on Highway Highway W. Mark McCleary distributed information he found involving Marion City enforcing code violations for grass cutting, etc. with door hangers for homes. Mark would like to talk to BJ Gruber and see if the city is still doing this. He thinks the township should enforce this as well. Mr. Ballinger will contact Lester McMurray.

Fiber optic progress in Marion Township. Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire station #2 – repairs and updates – Chief reported on the sewer backup on July 3. Last meeting approval was made to fix the problem and approved the amount of \$15,000. Now the sink is backing up. Other problems were discovered and repairs have been made. Central Drain will provide a quote to replace the drain pipe going up through the ceiling.

Quote received to seal coat the parking lot at Station #2 for \$1,100. Buckeye Seal Coating. Mr. Creasap made a motion to accept the estimate for \$1100.00 from Buckeye Seal Coating, Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles also reported on the status of Asst. Chief Thomas vehicle. Repairs on this vehicle are very costly and now the mechanic can't figure out why the vehicle won't run. Chief has found a vehicle in Cambridge, Ohio and received an estimate for \$39,472.00. The vehicle would be purchasing using ARPA funds (2773-220-750).

Recreational adult use marijuana -- nothing to report. Went into effect today.

Road Department

Mowed Complex and Township
Mowed Boise , Quarry Park, and Southland Pkwy. (Big tractor)
Picked up tires on Waterworks Rd.
Crack sealed Rustic Way,Sheffield, and Fountaine St.
Fixed mailbox on Lusch Rd. (Shelley and Sands)
Fixed sign on Parkview
Uncovered manhole cover on Adair
Blow off intersections
Cut limbs out of ditch on Lindberg
Mowed 1143 and 1153 N. Main St. (problem properties)

Zoning

24-7-8-R-1	8-Jul-2024	Fence	\$50.00	Shari Carroll	2429 Mercer
24-7-17-R-1	17-Jul-2024	Shed	\$50.00	Tim Moloney	1269 Barks
24-7-17-R-2	17-Jul-2024	Shed	\$50.00	Alison Gerfen	1352 Collinswood Lane
24-7-17-R-3	17-Jul-2024	Shed	\$50.00	Sarah Garrett	2794 East Dr

Fire Department

No report.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn into executive session. Mr. Creasap seconded. The Board adjourned out of regular session and entered into executive session at 6:39 pm. to discuss personnel.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn out of executive session. Mr. Creasap seconded. The Board adjourned out of executive session and entered back into regular session at 6:57 pm.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to proceed with hiring Bailey Rieke as a full time firefighter effective September 1, 2024. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion and roll call was as follows: Mr. Ballinger, yes Mr. Creasap, yes. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

_____	Ms. Larry Ballinger, Chairman
_____	Mr. Ben Creasap, Vice-Chairman
_____	Ms. Karen McCleary, 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.