

December 6, 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, Mark McCleary, Ron Phillips

GUESTS: No guests in attendance

PUBLIC COMMENT: No guests in attendance.

Ms. McCleary opened the public hearing to amend the zoning code specifically Chapter 13.02(A) (1). This is for additional language for Residential Uses. Chapter 14.02 (A) (A) which is for additional language to allow multi-family and clarification to clarify hospitals and nursing homes are allowable, and additional language to allow utility scale wind and solar farms under Chapter 8.02 (2). Ms. McCleary made a motion to amend the zoning codes as presented; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried and the public hearing is now closed.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 1, 2022; Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

Communication: No correspondence received.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief reported on building 2 renovation update. The flooring is currently being installed and the exercise equipment will be moved on December 21.

Chief Meddles gave an update on the AFG grant. Costs have gone up since he went to make the purchase, therefore he is asking the Board for approval for additional expenditure of \$1740 for MARCS radios. Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept the additional costs for purchase of the radios; Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McCleary attended an EMA Board meeting on December 5, 2022 and reported that Director Sarah McNamee still plans on establishing a dedicated Emergency Operations Center. She also reported that the EMA Board members approached the Marion County Commissioners about supporting the EMA with funding so Sarah has matching funds to apply for State Grants.

Trustee McCleary shared information about the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse that is supposed to affect our local economy. Hotels are reportedly already being booked for April 8, 2024 and schools are considering closing for that day so students aren't stuck in traffic on buses during the event. Local farmers plan to hold off planting their fields so they can allow campers to set up viewing on their property. NASA is setting up a headquarters in Forrest, Ohio to track the eclipse. This has the potential to affect our entire Marion County EMS, hospitals and safety services with overloaded communication towers and Marks radios with the influx of people expected.

Trustee McCleary would like to have a link to "The Great American Eclipse" on our Township website

Chief Meddles provided new insurance rates and asked the Board about instituting an EAP program into the insurance program. This would cost approximately \$2500. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to accept the new insurance rates and institute an EAP program for employees; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Zoning

4	November 2022
Janet Beeney	1575 Smeltzer \$50.00
Rodney Russell	638 Euclid \$50.00

Holdings CR LLC	2686 Capaldi
	\$50.00
Trinity Sign Group	370 McMahan Blvd
	\$200.00

Road Department

Set up snow markers
 Worked on truck #392- Lights, #398 plow
 hauled dirt to Eustic Ave. where tile work was done
 Cleaned catch basins and cleaned up stone on Jamesway and Westminster
 Worked on tile and ditch on Cascade Dr.
 Pothole patched Jamesway and Linda Mel
 Junior Dunn started employment on November 14
 Junior is being trained on routes for snow and ice
 Cut trees on Fountain St. and Isel Ave.
 Worked on Brush hog - sharpened blades and grease
 Fixed stop signs @Jamesway and Summerset(Sheriffs call)
 Put up snow fence

Fire Department

Insurance rates are out and the Chief asked for a comparable quote. Dave Ewonce has sent out quotes and the prices are higher than the current provider.
 Chief recommends keeping Allstate as a provider with Allied and Aetna.
 Chief also wants to add an AEP. The quote last year was \$2500.00. Chief doesn't see this increasing.

The board voted to accept the latest AFG from FEMA for portables. The cost of the radios has gone up significantly and had to readjust the quantity and resubmit for amendment. 10 portable radios and accessories come to \$49,222.30. Chief is asking for an additional \$1,741.00 to cover the charger and programming.

Chief spoke to Leasing 2 about the early payoff of the Tanker loan. Our rep urges us to prepay on a newer truck or save money as the benefit is not as good as our current rates.

Chief advises we need to order a new Medic unit very soon as our oldest in-service is a 2016 and build time is close to 12 months or longer. Should use ARPA money to purchase this. The new cost will be around \$300,000.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn out of Regular Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. Ms. McCleary seconded and the board entered into executive session at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn out of executive session and re-enter into regular session. Ms. McCleary seconded the motion. The board adjourned out of executive session and re-entered into regular session at 6:46 pm.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCleary seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:46 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.