

February 2, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio met in a regular meeting. Ms. McCleary called the meeting to order 5:06 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, Mark McCleary

GUESTS: There were no guests in attendance.

The township board would like it noted that they are following the governor's orders of not allowing more than 10 people in a room at one time.

Ms. McCleary opened the meeting at 5:00 pm by calling hearing #2 to order. This is an amendment to the zoning code Chapter 18 (sign regulations) and Chapter 18.05 (electronic message center). No offset advertising within 150 feet of a residential district. Mark McCleary, zoning inspector, discussed the size requirements for a business. Mr. Thomas made a motion to accept the sign regulations as written; Mr. Ballinger seconded. Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary then opened Hearing #1, which is a rezoning request application received from Local 574 Laborers International or Speedway to rezone the real property located at 1603 Harding Highway E., Marion, OH being approximately 0.332 acres. The applicant is requesting a change to the use classification of the property from R-1A (residential) to B-2 (community business district). Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the zoning classification from R-1A to B-2; Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the January 5, 2021 meeting minutes; Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Ms. Perin received paperwork for the road mileage certification. It was distributed and signed by all trustees and will be returned via USPS.

Ms. Perin explained to the Board that there was a \$1500 increase in the payment of the personal property taxes for the township. After investigation and contact with Marion County Engineer's Office, it was explained that this was a charge for replenishing the fund for ditch maintenance and shows as "Wheeler Ditch". This fund has not been taxed since 2011/2012 and will most likely be taxed for two (2) years before it falls off.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

OLD BUSINESS

Hiring plan for MTFD vacancies – Chief Meddles discussed the interviews that were held on January 22, 2021. Two of the interviewees have been called and they have accepted the positions.

CARES Act spending update – Ms. Perin reported there is no update since the extension to spend the monies is now December 31, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Perin asked for approval to pay for the township liability insurance through OTARMA. Total cost is \$34,000. This is an increase of \$2000 over last year because some of the policies were upgraded. The trustees were emailed a copy of current policies for review and agreed to the policy coverage.

Vector Security – Chief Meddles discussed various options for digital security for township hall and Station #1. Chief will contact Vector and get updated prices and will present at the March meeting.

Chief Meddles provided costs from Sean Barr for \$10,250.00 for renovation of kitchens at both stations. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the quote; Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Zoning Committee

Mark McCleary reported that (1) zoning permit issued.

Website is being updated.

Drop box is installed.

Ring security cameras have been installed.

January 2021	
Fence	Jamie Davis
\$50.00	1553 Keener Rd.
\$50.00	

Road Department

1. Repaired and mounted light bar on Truck 399.
2. Fixed street signs throughout Marion Township.
3. Salted Southland Parkway. (water line break)
4. Repaired tile at the intersection of Hathaway and Sheffield Terrace.
5. Snaked drainage tile at 420 Peterson.
6. Fixed broken stop sign at intersection of Linda Mel and Edison Dr.
7. Removed snow and ice three days in January.
8. Washed and cleaned all trucks (three times)

Fire Department

New ladder truck is still in Alabama and is closer to coming to Ohio. Not sure when it will be done.

Chief applied for an AF Grant for new medic unit. Matching funds would be 13,000.00 roughly.

Chief has quotes for Vector Security over doors locks. Quote a little dated but can update if needed.

Need to sign and approve the financing for tanker pumper from Sutphen.

Kitchen quotes for Station 1 and Station 2. Need board to approve the direction we want to go.

Offered two positions to Jeff Ralston and Brad Lee. Both accepted the offer and will be going through the pre-employment screenings.

Chief has been attending OTA conference from hall Tuesday and from home on Monday. Great info.

Chief wants to attend a class over reading blueprints and preconstruction review process.

Also goes towards re certification for Inspector.

Class is 125.00

Will be searching and competing other grants this month. Firehouse sub grant maybe open for us again. OTARMA safety grant and others.

Spectrum has updated all locations and the cost should be now 49.99 per location for internet.

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 7:26 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.