

February 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	Present
Mr. Ben Creasap	Present	Ms. Sheila Perin	Present

EMPLOYEES: Mark McCleary, Ron Phillips, Chief Meddles

GUESTS: Dee Mackall

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Ballinger requested a moment of silence for the passing of retired firefighter Randy Myers.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The fiscal officer reported there was no correspondence received.

Dee Mackall of 1843 Grandview Dr. was in attendance to address the street lights in Grandview Estates. She explained her situation and that is that her property sits on both Marion Township and Grand Prairie Township. She pays for fire protection from both townships and asked if there was anything the township could do about the situation. She does not feel that she should pay the lighting assessment because Marion Township is located in her back yard. It was explained to her that the township cannot do anything about her property taxes and advised that she seek help from the county prosecutor. Lengthy discussion followed and Mr. Creasap reported he will research the properties in Grandview in regards to the lighting assessments.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of EMS billing contracts for 2024 – Chief Meddles reported on the current situation of this. Salt Rock and Big Island are now running their own EMS. Chief feels that it is the time to suspend the contracts for EMS billing. Ms. McCleary made a motion to suspend the billing

contracts for both Salt Rock and Big Island Townships. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mark McCleary provided an update on tire nuisance at Logan Tire. No response from EPA at this time.

Update on 1934 Matheny Dr. Costs incurred so far on the cleanup of the property:
\$602.00 R.C. Cooper
\$88.47 Marion County Transfer Station
\$200.00 township fee.

Invoice will be sent to Mr. Hartley in the amount of \$890.47. He will have 30 days to pay the invoice, otherwise it will be assessed to his property taxes.

Ms. McCleary reported she has received no response from Bob Schultz in regards to updating the Record Retention Schedule.

Mr. Ballinger reported that he attended a Marion County landbank meeting and there are no houses to tear down in Marion Township. Mark McCleary disagreed and said there are houses in the township that need torn down.

NEW BUSINESS

A sheriff deputy contacted Ms. McCleary about panhandling in the township. Tabled until next month as Ms. McCleary has not heard back from the Prosecutor's office regarding a resolution she sent them.

Ms. Perin discussed a problem with receiving lodging taxes for the Comfort Inn. This is an ongoing problem with them. They are currently four (4) months behind. Ms. Perin sent an email several weeks ago but received no response. Mr. Ballinger will follow up and contact the Comfort Inn.

Chief Meddles discussed the purchase of emergency warning lights for Asst.Chiefs' vehicle #302. (see fire report)

Committee Reports

Zoning

24-1-2-R-1	2-Jan-2024	Store Signs	\$700.00	Legacy Signs	328 McMahon Blvd.
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Road Department

Fixed sign on Lealand Dr.

Pot hole patched Lindberg, Greenlea, Lusch, Laura, and Edgefield Dr.

Seven days of ice and snow

Worked on drainage on Cascade Dr. (Josh Daniels Est.)

Cleared catch basins all township

Cleared limbs from roadways from limbs various locations(high winds)

Fixed air hose on building three

Fire Department

The fire department would like to offer its sympathy for the passing of retired firefighter Randy Myers. He served 25 years in the district and retired in 2014.

Trucks,

After discussing with AC Thomas, the idea of replacing Truck 302 with a new one, has turned to upgrading the existing truck with safer emergency lights. The current step-up is not very visible and could put firefighters at risk operating on the roadways. The cost to upgrade the truck lights is \$6,185.05. A new truck was coming in at \$49,000.00 plus the lights would need to be added as well. This approach would save a significant amount of money and time.

Truck 302 also needs a new bumper. The current one is rusting off and has holes in it. The price through G&J Auto was \$1,053.20. Chief found a black powder-coated bumper for \$360.00. Department personnel could install it.

Pfund Sales has asked us to purchase the chassis for the new squad. Chief has not received the invoice at the time of this report. If the Chief receives it before the meeting then he will present it.

Engine 313 is in for repair for rusted-out air tanks and broken front leaf springs.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Creasap seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 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.