

January 5, 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, Mark McCleary

GUESTS: Brent Davidson

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 moved to approve the minutes from December 1, December 9, and the year-end meeting December 30, 2020. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence – no correspondence received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brent Davidson attended and addressed the Lusch Addition drainage update. He met with the county commissioners on December 7 and part of the drainage tile has been cleaned out. He was asking about installation of catch basins in Lusch Addition. Roger Dietrich's email states Lusch Addition is included in his spring projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Perin presented the final temporary budget for 2021. Annual temporary budget resolution read by Ms. Perin. Motion made by Ms. McCleary to accept the temporary 2021 budget; seconded by Mr. Thomas. Roll call: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary presented the following 2021 pay rate increases for non-union township employees:

Road department will receive 2.75%
Zoning inspector 2.75%
Fire Department Admin. Assistant 2.75%
Chief Meddles 4%

Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas spoke with Joe Jacobik from Ohio Edison about the Eckley Drive lighting follow-up. He is awaiting figures from Mr. Jacobik.

Chief Meddles presented his hiring plan for MTFD vacancies. He reported that the posting expires Friday, January 8, 2021. To date, eleven applications have been picked up. Chief is hopeful that the two vacancies will be filled by end of February.

Chief Meddles presented a resolution for EMS user fee of \$300 for Grand Prairie, Salt Rock and Big Island townships. Chief stated he will not bill for fire and he will not bill for cancelled "in route".

Resolution #2021-0105(a)

Marion Township Fire Department user fee for EMS

Whereas

Marion Township Fire Department provides EMS and fire protection to the residents and visitors in Marion Township Fire District

Whereas

Marion Township Fire Department is funded through three FIRE/EMS levies in 13 mils

Whereas

Marion Township Fire Department has seen an increase in requests for EMS outside the taxing district and is placing a financial burden on said fire district

Whereas

Marion Township Fire Department also recognizes the lack of consistent EMS response to area north-northwest of Marion Township including Salt Rock, Grand Prairie and Big Island.

Therefore, it be resolved

Marion Township Fire Department will respond to these areas as requested and with this signed agreement, collect a "User Fee"

This "User Fee" will be collected quarterly from the township in which the services were rendered. This user fee will be a flat fee charged per call when Marion Township ALS unit is requested and responds for a medical emergency.

Marion Township Fire Department will also submit Patient Care Report to our contracted EMS Billing Company for billing purposes as we currently do for all EMS calls.

The amount of the user fee for year 2021 will be **\$300.00** per call. This agreement will remain in effect until said time the Board of Trustees wish to be removed. Requests to be removed must be submitted 30 days in advance.

In the event of a major change to the current EMS system, Marion Township Trustees will call for a meeting to discuss the terms and conditions of this agreement. (Example, the current EMS provider stops service to area)

The Marion Township Fire Chief will submit a quarterly report, which will have a list of calls to that specific township, to the Chairman and Fiscal Officer.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

EMS Fees shall apply to ambulance services performed on or after January 1, 2021.

The aforesaid matter came for consideration to the Marion Township Trustees on January 5, 2021 and a motion was made by Ms. McCleary; seconded by Mr. Thomas. Roll call: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Perin distributed a spreadsheet reflecting the spending activity to date for the CARES Act monies. A few days ago, it was announced that the spending deadline had been extended one year until December 31, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Perin presented a resolution creating a fund for miscellaneous capital improvements.

**MARION TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0105(b)**

In the Matter of a resolution to create fund 4901 Miscellaneous Capital Improvements

Whereas, The Marion Township Board of Trustees authorize the establishment of Fund 4901 Miscellaneous Capital Improvements

Whereas, Per ORC 5705.13 references a reserve balance account for a capital projects fund. These monies would be set aside for establishing a reserve balance account to accumulate current available resources for the design and construction of a new fire station on the Newpark Drive property in Marion County, Ohio.

Whereas, the amount of \$200,000 will be transferred from the general fund (1000) to the newly created capital improvement fund (4901) upon passage of this resolution.

Whereas, fund #4901 shall not accumulate money in this miscellaneous capital projects fund for more than ten (10) years after the resolution is adopted, January 5, 2031.

Whereas, if the miscellaneous capital improvements fund is rescinded, monies that were accumulated in that fund shall be transferred to the fund or funds from which the monies were originally transferred.

Therefore be it resolved by the Board of Marion Township Trustees approve the creation of a miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund (#4901) to establish a reserve balance account to accumulate current available resources for the design and construction of a new fire station to be located on the Newpark Drive property in Marion County, Ohio.

The aforesaid matter came for consideration to the Marion Township Trustees on January 5, 2021 and a motion was made by Ms. McCleary; seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Roll call results as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes.

Whereas, the resolution was declared adopted and will become effective January 5, 2021.

Ms. McCleary read the following resolutions which would defer all township meetings via zoom (when necessary) during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The second resolution read was for a moratorium on the 10-day time limit for zoning application approval.

**MARION TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0105(c)**

RESOLUTION to defer all Township meetings to Zoom technology during Covid-19 Pandemic

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF MARION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO DEFER ALL TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND HEARINGS TO ZOOM TECHNOLOGY FOR TRUSTEE BUSINESS, ZONING COMMISSION MEETINGS, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND HEARINGS UNTIL PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, Marion Township Trustees and Zoning boards hold scheduled monthly meetings to conduct Township and Zoning business and necessary hearings, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees has purchased a Zoom account to accommodate virtual meetings, thus eliminating in person contact of a Covid-19 Pandemic viral transfer and exposure, and

WHEREAS, the Marion Township Fire Chief has log-in information, passcodes and can provide virtual meeting invitations to all members of the Board of Trustees and Zoning board members, and

WHEREAS, it was moved by Lynn Thomas, seconded by Larry Ballinger to authorize the board of Marion Township Trustees to approve the practice of Zoom meetings, until further notice.

Vote by roll call: Mrs. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marion Township Board of Trustees and Zoning boards will utilize Zoom technology for all meetings, until further notice.

WHEREUPON the resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of January 2021 and will go into effect following the January 7th, 2021 Zoning Commission Hearings as legal notices were previously advertised to the public for same.

MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0105(d)

RESOLUTION for Marion Township Zoning moratorium to suspend the 10-day Zoning Application Response Time Limit during the Covid-19 Pandemic until further notice.

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF MARION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO PLACE A MORATORIUM AND SUSPEND THE MANDATED 10-DAY ZONING CODE RESPONSE TO ZONING APPLICATIONS.

WHEREAS, Marion Township Zoning Inspector and Zoning boards are tasked with providing a timely response to Zoning Applications and the Marion Township Zoning Code reads as such:

22.014 Action on Application: Time Limit

The Zoning Inspector shall act upon all such applications on which he is authorized to act by the provisions of this Resolution within ten (10) days after these are filed in full compliance with all the applicable requirements. He shall either issue a Zoning Permit within said ten (10) days or shall notify the applicant in writing of his refusal of such permit and the reasons therefor. Failure to notify the applicant in case of such refusal within said ten (10) days shall entitle the applicant to a Zoning Permit unless the applicant consents to an extension of time.

WHEREAS, a proposal to place a moratorium on the 10-day Zoning Inspector response, pending proper notification and discussion with the Zoning boards and until the Governor of the State of Ohio has lifted restrictions during the Covid-19 Pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Inspector finds it necessary to uphold this moratorium until all parties involved in a Zoning application can be properly notified, followed by Zoning board member notification, discussion and resolution, and

WHEREAS, it was moved by Lynn Thomas, seconded by Larry Ballinger to authorize the board of Marion Township Trustees to approve the moratorium on the 10-day Zoning Application Response Time Limit

Vote by roll call: Mrs. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marion Township Board of Trustees will place a moratorium on the 10-day Zoning Application approval Time Limit until further notice.

Chief is asking approval for the purchase of an additional rescue tool for Station #2. This will complete the set and remove any mismatched tools. Pitt Township has expressed interest in purchasing some of the fire department's TNT rescue tools. The cost of the new rescue tool is \$9,200 from Sutphen Corp. Discussion was held and it was decided that since the deadline of the CARES Act monies spending has been extended, this could be a purchase out of fund #2272 (Coronavirus Relief Fund).

Chief Meddles is asking the Board of approval to purchase a Holamtro Combi Rescue Tool. The cost of this tool is \$9200 and will be purchased from Sutphen Corporation.

Resolution read as follows:

**MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
NO. 2021 – 0105**

RESOLUTION for Purchase 1 Holmatro Combi Tool

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF MARION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR THE PURCHASE FROM SUTPHEN CORPORATION FOR ONE (1) GTR 5160 EVO COMBINATION TOOL WITH CHARGER AND TWO (2) BATTERIES

WHEREAS, Marion Township Trustees and Marion Township Fire Department are tasked with maintaining and upgrading their equipment when needed, the time has come to add a rescue combi tool used by the Marion Township Fire Department, in order to protect and provide emergency care for Marion Township residents and the Marion community, and

WHEREAS, a proposal for one (1) demo EVO 3 Combi Tool with support equipment was brought before the Trustees on January 5, 2021, at a cost of \$9,200.00.

WHEREAS, it was moved by Karen McCleary, seconded by Larry Ballinger to authorize the purchase of one (1) Holmatro GTR 5160 Combi Tool and support equipment from Sutphen Corporation.

Vote by roll call: Mrs. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Lynn Thomas, yes

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marion Township Board of Trustees approved the purchase from **SUTPHEN CORPORATION** for the purchase of **1 Holmatro GTR 5160 Combi Tool and support equipment.**

WHEREUPON the resolution was declared adopted this 5TH day of January, 2021.

Zoning Committee

Dec Zoning Permits	
3 Permits	
Signs	Gardner Signs
\$800	400 Barks Rd.
Shed	Keith Eaker
\$50	1196 Holliday Dr.
Fence	Clay Korner
\$50	Likens Rd.
\$900	

Road Department

- Cut tree (site problems)
- Clean catch basins
- Repaired signs
- Put up new street signs
- Snow & ice
- Plowed blown snow
- Installed street signs and brackets made by the city
- Pot holes patched where needed
- Washed trucks
- Repaired tile on Hathaway Lane
- Inventory

Fire Department

Ladder 311 sold for \$7500.00.

Still working on the final spec for pumper/tanker. Chief would like to move forward with financing for 5 years on this truck.

His goal is to replace the current tanker, have it paid off in 5 years, and purchase a new pumper/rescue.

Fire department had eight employees volunteer for the COVID Moderna vaccine. This was given on Dec. 23, 2020.

COVID has taken its toll on the fire department but currently has no on off work. We have had 12 employees affected in total.

COVID is still present and ongoing. Overall call volume is steady.

The Family First Covid Response Act has not been re-approved for 2021. It is my understanding the requirement to provide 80 hours of paid leave has expired but the federal tax credit is still in place until 03/31/2021. It will be up to the board if they choose to continue the paid time off here on out.

New portable radios came in and are being programmed at Benders. Hope to have in service soon.

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 7:43 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.