

July 9, 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: Roger Dietrich, Jim Spangenberg

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Spangenberg was in attendance to report that the paving project on Willowood Way is worse than before. Mr. Dietrich confirmed this and specified his recommendation for the remedy to the problem and this will be taken care of.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the township meeting minutes of June 4, 2024; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION: correspondence from Brad Irons which was dated May 14 but was received in July. This correspondence showed various maps regarding complaints about certain properties. The correspondence was given to Mark McCleary and he reported to the Board of these properties. The fiscal officer informed the Board of Trustees that the state auditor's will be here the week of July 22 to perform the audit for period 2022 and 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dietrich reported on the Lusch Addition drainage project. Project is almost completed. Tiles at the end of Lusch will need to be replaced but Mr. Dietrich recommended that be a project for next year.

On the matter of the Forest Hill Storm drainage bids, Mr. Dietrich estimates this project will cost approximately \$310k.

Laura Dr. and Western Hts. Subdivision – one of the residents has a sump pump and pumps into a neighbor's grass. The recommendation per Mr. Dietrich is to run that into the storm drain. Also problem with the tiles on both sides of Laura Dr.

Western Heights – Pickens put a new catch basin on Colorado Ave. and now he needs to jet it out

2024 road paving project update – Everything is paved. Some pavement still needs to be taken care of. They still need to do the striping. Everything should be completed by next week.

Edgefield Dr. – Roger recommends hiring an engineering firm to do this work. It is beyond what he can do.

Township hall maintenance and repair options --

Mark reported on the options for repair of the township building. \$20K to side the building. Mark recommends building out the overhang over the front of the building.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to contact Paul Omness to provide architectural drawings for a new roof and overhang for township building. Seconded by Mr. Creasap.

Fire Levy renewal – Chief reached out to Cindy Price. Sent information to prosecutor's office. The resolutions were not ready for tonight's meeting. Chief will need to schedule a special meeting so that the auditor's office can certify the levies. Deadline for the November election is August 7.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire station #2 – repairs and updates – an emergency call was necessary on the 4th of July. PVC pipe has deteriorated and Chief provided an estimate for \$15,000 for the repair/replacement of this line. The work can be done July 19 as long as the Board approves. Chief is also requesting the purchase of a gas grill for Station #2. Cost would be \$700 for the grill. Chief is also requesting a quote to reseal the driveway at Station #2.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the repair of the plumbing at Station #2; Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

Firefighter interviews – Chief reported that interviews were held for four (4) candidates on July 8. He is asking for approval to hire James Herring with a start date of August 1. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the hiring; Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

Road Department

Mowed Township Grounds three times
Mowed township and Quarry Park three times
Mowed Waterworks and Problem property at 1830 Matheny Dr.
Crack sealed Yorkshire, Covington, Peyton, And Rustic Way.
Cut brush on Drexel and White Oaks Rd.
Worked on tile, installed new box and riser on Wyoming Dr.
Cleaned building # three
Washed trucks
Fixed sign on Kingwood Dr

Zoning

24-6-8-R-1	8-Jun-2024	Shed	\$50.00	Dwayne Wilson	222 Sara Ave
24-6-17-R-1	18-Jun-2024	Porch	\$50.00	Lisa Retterer	1461 Bellefontaine
24-6-19-R-1	19-Jun-2024	Addition	\$300.00	Bart Wilson	1338 Adare Rd
26-6-26-S-1	26-Jun-2024	Advertisement	\$400.00	Sunnyside	326 Jamesway
26-6-27-R-1	27-Jun-2024	Shed	\$50.00	Andrew Meddling	1725 Marion Upper

Fire Department

Station 2 bathroom remodel was completed. Some things need to be addressed and the contractor will be working on those July 10th
Fire trucks had their annual pump test done. Engine 313 needs serviced from results and will be going in for repair July 11.

FF Matt Wollett injured his knee June 11 on duty, and will be on light duty following the doctor's treatment. Unknown extend until MRI is done and read.

Jeff Ralston is still on light duty from shoulder surgery.

Interviews were conducted July 8, 2024. Chief has a recommendation for hire.

Waste issues at Station 2. Discussion to follow.

Need to seal coat the driveway at Station 2 to protect the new asphalt.

With no further business to discuss, Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; McCleary seconded the motion and roll call was as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 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.