

March 1, 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, Ron Phillips

GUESTS: Joe Jacubik, Ohio Edison; Logan Kirk, L.A. Wheeler

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: No correspondence received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Logan Kirk went over the township personal property insurance. It looks like there will be a few changes to the policy. Ms. Perin will have Chief Meddles and the trustees review the policy and make changes as necessary.

L. A. Wheeler of 340 Denning Ave. reported that he is having trouble with his neighbors. He is attending the meeting to see if there was anything that the township could do to help the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

Major purchase plan for road department. No estimate has been received for a pickup truck.

List of roads for 2022 paving. Mr. Ballinger presented the following roads for repaving for 2022 -- Mayfield, Woodridge and Cascade Dr. He met with Brad Irons and the county engineer's estimate is roughly \$150,000 for these three roads. Ron Phillips will check out several roads for paving for 2022 and present his recommendations.

ODOT stimulus project – Edgefield Project. The township was denied these funds. Apparently, there were 1,182 applications received. Discussion held about doing Edgefield Blvd. with the road funds. Larry Ballinger will contact Roger Dietrich about doing Edgefield Blvd.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual appropriation permanent resolution was read by Ms. Perin.

The *Board of Trustees* of Marion Township, in Marion County Ohio met in regular session on the 1st day of March, 2022 with the following members present:

Karen McCleary Larry Ballinger Ben Cresasap

Ms. McCleary moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the *Board of Trustees* of Marion Township, Marion County Ohio that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year, ending *December 31, 2022*, the following sums be and the same are hereby set aside and *appropriated* for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year, as follows, viz:

Mr. Creasap seconded the **Resolution** and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes

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A motion was made by Mr. Creasap to accept the resignation of Michelle Thompson effective March 15, 2022. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to transfer \$300,000 to the 4901 Capital Projects. Mr. Creasap seconded. Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles reported that Clayton Tackett would like to meet with one of the trustees about purchasing the Fire Department admin bldg.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve Lynn Clabaugh to cut up limbs at Lindberg at a cost of \$800. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Phillips reported that there is a water problem on Hickory Dr. Tile is plugged back on resident's land. Ron would like to get Josh Daniel's out to look at this property.

Mr. Phillips also made a request to hire Rich Amrine permanently. Ms. McCleary made a motion to hire Rich Amrine permanently, Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

The probationary period is up for the two new road department employees – Virgil Spurgeon and Rich Amrine. Ms. McCleary made a motion to increase their hourly wage to \$15.91 with retroactive pay given to Virgil Spurgeon. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary reminded the other trustees about the meeting with Delco water for Yorkshire Addition on March 15 at 5:00 pm.

Committee Reports

Zoning

3	February 2022
Demolition	Mathews Hyundai
\$2,550.00	1793 Marion Mt. Gilead Rd.
New Construction	Premier Storage
\$3,175.00	1700 Cascade Dr.
Sign Change	Davita Kidney Care
\$300.00	1221 Delaware Ave.
\$6,025.00	

Road Department

Fixed signs (Mayfield Dr, Strawberry Ave, Hathaway Lane)
Fixed mailboxes (temporary)
worked on chainsaws
Got mowers ready (changing oil, greased, etc.)
Pot hole patched - Woodridge, Van Atta Ave, Edgefield Blvd
Fixed yards - Hathaway Lane, Wilson Dr
Worked on lights on truck 399
Cut up limbs on Woodridge Rd

Fire Department

Picked up the new Sutphen Pumper/Tanker from Fire and Marine. Training is scheduled for March 2nd. Hope to have the truck in service soon after training.
Chief and Brian Cummins attended Fire Officer 1 class at Bath Twp Fire. This was a 2-week class put on by the Ohio Fire Chiefs.
Anthony Whitt was sent to the child car seat install class in Columbus. This will allow us to continue the service to the public.
Anthony has also attended Junior Fire Setters Class. A huge asset to the department.
Chairman Karen and Chief had a labor-management meeting on February 25th to discuss some things coming up. Contract negotiations this fall and a few other concerns.
The fuel tank located at Station 1 has failed and needs replaced. Water entered the diesel side and contaminated the fuel. Unfortunately, also affected our fire engine as well. The crew drained the water out of the tank and changed filters. This was a bad situation but thanks to the crew and their work. It saved hundreds of dollars in repairs.
Farmers Co-Op is working to resolve the issue. Right now, Farmers Co-op is working to change the gasoline side over to diesel and place a temporary tank for gasoline at the road dept. The Chief will let all members know when this is completed. Long term fix will be replacing the tank. Chief is also working with Farmers on that as well.

Chief presented the board with Michelle Thompson's resignation letter. She has worked for MTFD for 17 years.

Chief will be adjusting to not having an admin asst for the time being.

The Chief is asking for the board to allow him to start the process for a new Engine/Rescue.

The build time is over 18 months from the order date and the spec process could take

months. Chief's goal is to have a new Engine/Rescue delivered when the tanker is paid for.

This will allow a continuation of payments and replacement. The next payment/lease will be over 10 years hopefully.

By starting the process, the department will be able to project a better price estimate.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Creasap made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Ballinger seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 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.