

November 2, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio met in a regular meeting. Ms. McCleary called the meeting to order 5:30 pm with the following members and visitors present:

Ms. Karen McCleary	Present	Mr. Larry Ballinger	Excused
Mr. Lynn Thomas	Present	Ms. Sheila Perin	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief Meddles, Roger Dietrich

GUESTS: Joe Jakubick

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the October 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Ms. McCleary seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: No correspondence received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Jakubick was in attendance to check in and talk about low income assistance for electric service. Information will be posted on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Perin received an email from attorney Greg Beck and he reassured the board that ARPA monies could be used for the catch basin project in Lusch Addition. Resolution will be passed in December and the project paperwork can be worked on.

An estimate to replace the payroll room windows was received by Mark McCleary for \$1235.00 from Hayes glass. Mr. Thomas made a motion to accept the bid for replacement of (3) windows in payroll room; Ms. McCleary seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Perin distributed current appropriation and revenue reports to the Board of Trustees, and Fire Chief Meddles. She is asking these individuals to look over these reports and submit on that specific line item what needs budgeted for next 2022. These reports will be returned to her at the December board meeting and the budget will be reviewed at the year end meeting.

Ms. McCleary reported on the results of the Lind Media court case. Paul LaFayette explained to her that it was the 10-day clause that caused the township to lose our case with Lind Media. Mr. LaFayette recommends that we appeal the case. Ms. McCleary made a motion to appeal the Lind Media court decision. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution for ARPA firefighter premium pay was prepared by Chief Meddles and read.

MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION

NO. 2021-1102(a)

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PREMIUM PAY FROM AMERICAN RESCUE ACT (ARP) FUNDING

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan funding allows for premium pay for first responders in addition to their hourly rate and;

WHEREAS, Marion Township personnel have continued to deal both directly and indirectly with the COVID 19 pandemic and its continued effects both physically and mentally;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio that ALL employees for the Marion Township Fire Department will receive retro pay equal to \$13.00 additional per hour for the last 230 hours of work. Monies for the additional premium pay will come from fund 2273 American Rescue Plan.

A motion was made by Ms. McCleary to accept and approve the payment of an additional \$13.00 per hour retroactively to all personnel of Marion Township Fire Department; seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes; Mr. Ballinger, (excused).

WHEREUPON the resolution was adopted the 2nd of November, 2021.

The resolution for the application for the Ohio Department of Transportation township stimulus grant program was read by Ms. Perin.

**MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
NO. 2021-1102(b)**

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF MARION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) ROAD STIMULUS GRANT.

WHEREAS, Marion Township is planning to make or perform several capital improvement projects for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will provide financial assistance with an estimated project cost for the Edgefield Drive area of \$439,568.00 with the ODOT township stimulus grant paying a potential of \$250,000 for said project and a remaining balance of \$189,568 to be paid out of road levy monies (fund 2141).

WHEREAS, these infrastructure improvements are considered to be priority needs for the township and are qualified projects under the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) township stimulus grant program.

IT WAS MOVED BY Lynn Thomas, seconded by Karen McCleary to authorize the board of Marion Township Trustees to apply for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) township grant stimulus program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Chairman of the board of Marion Township Trustees, Ms. Karen McCleary is hereby authorized to apply for the ODOT township stimulus grant on behalf of the board, and Roger Dietrich, Consultant, will be the contact person for this project.

Vote on motion: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes; Mr. Ballinger (absent).

WHEREUPON the resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of November 2021.

Notice to Regional Planning Commission to vacate an alley on Lee St. close to Marion Township boundary. This property abuts up to township boundary and Ms. McCleary will go ahead and tell them the township is in agreement with this.

Mr. McCleary, zoning inspector, reported that there has been nothing done to the problem property known as tent city in Grandview Estates.

Chief Meddles reported that the promotional lieutenant exam has been completed and he is asking the board to sign and certify the results. Ms. McCleary made a motion to certify the results of the promotional lieutenant exam. Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Meddle is also asking the trustees to sign a document allowing him to obtain the title for the 2007 American LaFrance as it is being sold. Ms. McCleary and Mr. Thomas need to sign this document to the deputy clerk for the lost title.

The Board of Trustees would like to express sincere condolences to our Fire Chief, Ben Meddles, on the loss of his father on October 26.

Ron Phillips provided information on Virgil Spurgeon, who he would like to hire as a replacement for Dean McGinniss who is retiring November 30. Mr. Phillips also reported he will be needing additional help this winter and would like to rehire Rich Amrine for winter plowing on an as needed basis.

Mr. Phillips also discussed the Dura Patcher. It is now 17 years old and he doesn't feel we need a new durapatcher. He feels the old one could be repaired. He also explained to the board that the Bobcat is in need of repair and will provide an estimate in the near future. Ms. McCleary made a motion to hire Virgil Spurgeon, with a start date of November 16, 2021 at a rate of \$15/hour with a 60 day probationary period. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary also made a motion to rehire Rich Amrine to start December 1, 2021 on an as needed basis at a rate of \$15/hour. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Zoning

3	October 2021
Shed	Randy Potts
\$50.00	1806 Westminster
House	Guy McCurdy
\$545.00	1434 Crissinger Rd.
Sign	Keith Cobb
\$400.00	200 McMahan Blvd.
\$995.00	

Road Department

- Fixed signs
- Put up snow fence
- Cleaned catch basins
- One day of snow & ice

- Repaired tile on Holliday Drive
- Swept intersections (stone)
- Repaired signs on Van Atta and Drexel Avenues
- Patched potholes (where needed)

Fire Department

Fire department is call 2036 for the year. 2020 we were at #1876. Calls for service are up this year.

Department responded to (2) structure fires in the area of Cottage and Norris. The fire on Norris has been determined to be arson and remain under investigation until persons responsible are found. No injuries.

New Pumper/Tanker final inspection is scheduled for Nov 23, 2021 at Sutphen in Hillard, Ohio. The old tanker will need to be taken OOS for new owners at that point or soon after.

New firefighter Antony Whitt will start his new shift Nov. 4, 2021 on A Shift.

Lightning strike repairs seem to be completed and the invoices sent into insurance.

Chief will be working on 2022 budget and communicating with Fiscal Officer Ms. Perin

Chief would like to thank the trustees for their thoughts and prayers for the passing of his father.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Thomas made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCleary seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

_____	Ms. Karen McCleary, Chairman
_____	Mr. Larry Ballinger, Vice-Chairman (excused)
_____	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.