

November 7, 2023

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, Mark McCleary, Ron Phillips, Asst. Chief Brian Thomas

**GUESTS:** Bryan McCleary, Jude Foulk, Adam Wickham, Ron Cirata, Bob Rush, James Spangenberg, Mike Yost, Tracy Walker, Dave Walker

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Adam Wickham, Superintendent of River Valley Schools spoke briefly about the school levy that is on today's ballot.

Mike Yost is requesting to have an adverse possession of a township road. The Board will address the issue with the county prosecutor. Mr. Creasap will follow-up.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence received except electronically which was forwarded to the appropriate parties.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 3, 2023. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Road Paving Report – all of the road paving projects are completed for 2023. Spent almost \$500,000 on road paving projects this year.

Mr. Jim Spangenberg of Willowood Way addressed the board about three (3) streets in Collinswood that were not paved this year. He is mostly concerned about drainage as the edges need ground out so water can drain. Roger Dietrich will go out and assess the situation.

### **New Business**

Chief Meddles is asking for approval to sell the fire department's back up squad to the city of Marion for \$30K. This vehicle is a 2008 Freightliner. Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the selling of this vehicle; Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution for new generator at Station #2.

## **MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION**

**NO. 2023-1107**

### **RESOLUTION for the purchase of a Generac Generator**

#### **For Fire Station #2**

**IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF MARION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO ACCEPT A QUOTE AND PURCHASE A GENERAC 70429 22 KW 120/240V natural gas residential generator for Fire Station #2 located at 1400 Marion Agosta Rd.**

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of this generator would replace the current generator at this location which is no longer functioning. This generator purchase would serve in the event of a power outage and would be used to protect and provide emergency services for the citizens of Marion County.

**WHEREAS**, a proposal for a Generac generator was brought before the board on November 7, 2023 at a cost of \$13,260.00 and would be purchased from the General Fund 1000-110-323 (repairs and maintenance).

**WHEREAS**, it was moved by Karen McCleary, seconded by Ben Creasap to authorize the Board of Marion Township Trustees to approve the purchase of a Generac 70429 22 KW 120/240V natural gas residential generator at a cost of \$13,260.00

Vote by roll call: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marion Township Board of Trustees will purchase a Generac 70429 22 KW 120/240V natural gas residential generator at a cost of \$13,260.00

**WHEREUPON** the resolution was declared adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023

Quotes were received for replacement of a Reznor heater in the garage of township hall. Estimate is \$2,883.00. Also received estimate to install floor drain in garage area of township building. Cost for drain installation is \$4,733.00. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to proceed with replacement of a Reznor heater in the township bldg. garage and the drain installation. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles received a quote from American Quality Door to replace jamb and header on five doors at stations 1 and 2. Quote is \$1125.00. Mr. Creasap made a motion to accept this quote from American Quality Door and proceed with header and jamb replacement. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles is asking for approval to apply for the Ohio EMA ARPA First Responder Retention Grant for \$68,000 and the Ohio Ambulance Grant for \$20,000. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the application for both of these grants, Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary is asking for a motion to approval the reimbursement of zoning board members for \$33 per site review in addition to their meeting fee. Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the \$33 site review fee; Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to proceed with demo of the Hartley property in Grandview Estates (tent city). Law enforcement needs to get involved to deliver the notice of when the demo will be done. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Zoning**

8	October 2023
Sign Lite / Republic	McMahan Blvd.

	\$1,000.00
Sign Lite / Kohls	McMahan Blvd.
	<u>\$800.00</u>
Jody Cellar	1137 Greenlea
	\$375.00
James Burtch	1133 Kingwood
	\$100.00
Jane McPherson	2526 Hillman-Ford Rd.
	\$100.00
Kay Vogle	545 Mayfiled Dr.
	\$50.00
Victoria Miller	1339 Barks Rd.
	\$50.00
Tom Kemper	726 Mayfield Dr.
	\$50.00
Total	\$2,525.00
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**Road Department**

Crack sealed N. State St. Bryant Ave.  
 Trimmed limbs on Euclid Ave.  
 Mowed Twp. Fixed sign on Holiday Dr.( curve sign )  
 Put Township yard signs out

Worked on drainage on Willowood Way  
Cleaned and mowed. Nuisance property (463 Emerson Ave)  
Downed tree on Woodbine Ave (Cut and removed off of road)  
Working on Trucks and plows to get ready for snow

### **Fire Department**

Marion City Fire has offered to purchase our backup squad for \$30,000.00. Chief believes this is a fair price and recommends the sale.  
Chief Deem has offered us the use of this truck as a loaner if it is also available in the future.

Need to purchase a new generator at Fire Station #2. This one quit working and the costs of repair exceeds replacement. The quote from Owens Electric is also upgrading the needed electric panel in the bay as well. The cost is \$13,260.00. This is in stock and can be scheduled for installation as soon as approved.

Chief Meddles, Chief Thomas, and Lieutenant interviewed 5 applicants on October 26th. The group met after all interviews were complete and recommended hiring all 5 of them as soon as practical. 1 candidate is due to graduate medic school in June 2024, and 2 of the candidates are enrolled in medic school. The other 2 would be placed in the next Tri-Rivers program scheduled for April 2024. If approved, their start dates would be determined by the availability of department physicals and background checks. Would like to start no later than December 1, 2024.

Promotional testing has been done and completed. Department had 3 test takers and 1 of those passed both the written and the oral board. The department currently has 1 opening for this promotion and recommends promoting Darrin Hollenbaugh to fill that vacancy effective November 15, 2023.

Would like to discuss the Ohio EMA Grant and also the Ohio Ambulance Grant. Action needs to be taken on both of these grants as the time frame is closing in.

Lieutenants were given the projected revenue for the 2024 operating year. They are working on project ideas for that year as well as other operating requests.

I will add to this if I forget anything. Not sure if the promotional and hiring needs an executive session or not but I will leave that up to you.

Executive session. For personnel.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn out of regular session and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion and the Board adjourned out of regular session at 6:40 pm. Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and enter back into Regular Session. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. The Board adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:14 pm.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the promotion of Darrin Hollenbaugh to Lieutenant effective November 15, 2023. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the hiring of five (5) new firefighters pending background checks; Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Three (3) new hires will start December 1, and two (2) will start December 15, 2023. Approval to hire (5) new firefighters pending background check.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCleary seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 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.