

October 3, 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

**GUESTS:** Ken Lengieza, Jeff Sutton, Josh Obenour, Bob Snavelly, Jack Higgins

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeff Sutton of 430 Edgefield Dr. spoke about a drainage problem east of his house and he is requesting the township consider installation of a catch basin. Roger Dietrich recommends installing a catch basin and tie it in with an existing storm manhole. Roger estimates the cost of a catch basin to be approximately \$6500.00

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Fiscal officer received correspondence regarding transfer station relocation. Also reminded trustees about ARPA fund information that was emailed to the trustees. No trustees have reviewed the email as of yet.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 5, 2023. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Snavelly was in attendance to give his recommendation to enter into a 24-month contract agreement with Energy Harbor. He distributed a chart with price offers. Ms. McCleary made a motion to make the township fiscal officer the designated signer and approve the 24-month recommended price. Price will be in effect until December 2025. Mr. Snavelly will email Ms. Perin the price information tomorrow for signature.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The zoning inspector spoke with Logan Tire and they are waiting on a company from Galion to pick up the tires.

Roger Dietrich reported that the 2023 Road Paving Project performed by Shelly and Sands is completed. Park Enterprise have completed their paving project as well.

**New Business**

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the installation of a catch basin on Edgefield Dr. not to exceed \$7,000. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Next order of business is to approve a resolution for RiAlto Manufacturing of 1682 Cascade Dr. for Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement at 60% for 10 years, addition and improvement, creating 6 jobs with expected payroll of \$300K. Josh Obenour presented information about RiAlto Manufacturing. Company was started in 1981 as a “job shop”. Moved into the current facility approximately 10 years ago. Resolution read:

**MARION TOWNSHIP**

Resolution No. 2023-1003

A RESOLUTION BY THE MARION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDING TERMS FOR THE MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH **RIALTO MANUFACTURING and RIALTO INVESTMENTS** FOR THE PURPOSE OF ABATEMENT OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX AT A MANUFACTURING FACILITY AT **1632 CASCADE DRIVE**, MARION, OHIO, TO ENCOURAGE RIALTO MANUFACTURING and RIALTO INVESTMENTS TO BUILD AN ADDITION AT THAT SITE,

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-1003 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (TRUSTEES) of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio finds that RIALTO MANUFACTURING (COMPANY) and RIALTO INVESTMENTS (TAXPAYER) are qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities in the Marion-Claridon-Tully-Green Camp Enterprise Zone and to improve the economic climate of the County of Marion; and

WHEREAS, the COMPANY has agreed, contingent on tax abatement to expand a facility on CASCADE DRIVE as a manufacturing facility,

WHEREAS, the number of full-time jobs to be added from this new building addition is estimated at least **6** with an annual payroll estimated to be at least **\$300,000** from these positions added to the current **37** full time positions; and

WHEREAS, Since the requested abatement is now not over 60% for 10 years, School District approval is not required, but River Valley Local Schools and Tri Rivers Career Center were notified on August 29, 2023 of this Township Meeting and the applicant attended the River Valley Local Schools Board Meeting on September 6, 2023 then

BE IT RESOLVED by Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Trustees hereby recommend that the Marion County Board of Commissioners enter into an agreement with the COMPANY and TAXPAYER pursuant to Section 5709.63 (A) ORC, for the abatement of real property tax at a rate of 60% for a period of ten (10) years. Said exemption shall be effective the first year for which the real property would first be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation. The abatement shall be on the amount invested in the three (3) year project term starting with the date of the agreement with the County, but not more than a total of ten (10) years.

Section 2. That Trustees further recommend that the agreement remain in effect only for as long as the COMPANY operates a plant with a workforce of at least **43** employees after December 31, **2026**. In any three-year (3) period during which this agreement is in effect after January 1, **2027**, if the actual number of employee positions created or retained by the COMPANY is not equal to or greater than seventy-five per cent of the number of employee positions estimated to be created or retained under this agreement during that three-year (3) period, the COMPANY or TAXPAYER may be required to repay the amount of taxes on property that would have been payable had the property not been exempted from taxation under this agreement during that three-year period. In addition, Marion County may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement. Further, if the facility voluntarily ceases operations during the term of the agreement, the COMPANY, or its successors, or TAXPAYER shall not only forfeit additional tax abatement, but shall repay to Marion County all taxes previously forgiven in the previous five (5) years under the agreement.

Section 3. Irrespective of other provisions, if the COMPANY or TAXPAYER, during the term of this abatement, initiates an annexation of this new building into a municipality and out of the unincorporated township, the company shall repay to Marion Township taxes previously forgiven under this abatement, but limited to those that would have gone to Marion Township and Marion Township tax levies, for the previous five (5) years, unless the terms of the annexation agreement with the city allow Marion Township to continue to receive these tax funds.

Section 4. That the Marion Township FISCAL OFFICER is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Marion County Commissioners.

Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2023-1003 was declared adopted.

Adopted the 3rd day of October, 2023

Discussion held regarding the use of ARPA funds. Ms. Perin emailed an article from the OTA magazine identifying ways that other townships have used their ARPA funding. This will later be discussed at year end when the 2024 budget is reviewed.

Ms. Perin received correspondence from County Prosecutor Ray Grogan regarding uses of the Ohio Litigation Prepaid Mastercard that townships are receiving. Marion Township's prepaid MasterCard is for \$145.44. Mr. Grogan is recommending that the MasterCard not be used until further research is completed.

A resolution was read recommending the transfer of \$500,000 from the general fund (1000) to the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund (4901).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1002(A)**

**IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION** to recommend the transfer of monies from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund of Marion Township for budget year 2023. It is the intent of the Township Board to increase this budget account for the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$500,000.

**WHEREAS**, there are revenues available in the General Fund of Marion Township. Motion made by Ms. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Creasap.

Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes. Motion carried.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marion Board of Trustees of Marion Township approved a transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund in accordance with O.R.C. 5705.14 to be effective October 3, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, the resolution was declared adopted October 3, 2023.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to donate \$250 to Downtown Marion as a one-time donation. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary presented a quote for 2-sided Road Improvement signs from Vizual Express at a cost of \$312 for twenty (20) signs. Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the purchase of the road improvement signs; Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary presented information on a new subscription service provided by OTA. This is a yearly \$250 subscription and township employees would be able to attend as many trainings online as they would like. This would eliminate the payment of each individual training. Ms. McCleary made a motion to participate in the OTA Education Subscription plan for 2024 at a cost of \$250 annually. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary also provided information on the OTARMA MORE grant. This is a \$500 grant that the township would apply for. The MORE will pay for OTA winter conference registrations as well as the new 2024 OTA subscription costs. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to apply for the \$500 MORE grant, Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

Zoning violation notices/resolutions. Mark McCleary, Zoning Inspector provided an update on Notice of Nuisances sent Notice of Nuisance sent to Mark for the property strip mall located at Mt. Vernon Ave. resolution will be written

Ms. Perin provided information on the upcoming CD renewal at Fahey Bank. Jon Ferguson of Fahey Bank provided interest rates as follows: the present balance on that CD is \$24,591.38 and it matures on October 16. Fahey Bank has a 6-month CD at 5.00% APY and an 18-month CD at 4.75% APY. After a brief discussion, the trustees voted to go ahead with the 5% six-month CD. Ms. Perin will contact Jon Ferguson with this information. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the 6-month 5% CD, Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Phillips of the Road Department presented a quote from Southeastern Machinery for the purchase of a new trailer at a cost of \$8,900. Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the purchase of the trailer not to exceed \$11,000. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Mark McCleary, zoning inspector, is recommending the hiring of a consultant to update the entire zoning book.

Chief Meddles requested the purchase of a \$9,000 fire hose. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve this purchase, Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Zoning**

4	September 2023
Kahn Signs Inc	1426 Mt. Vernon Ave.
	\$600.00
Varitronics	1426 Mt. Vernon Ave.
	<u>\$100.00</u>
RE Connors	523 Linda Mel
	\$50.00
Derek Morey	1180 Brookpark
	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>

### **Road Department**

Put concrete block on catch basin on Emerson Ave

Rebuilt catch basin on Oxford and Westminster Dr.

Fixed tile on Brookpark

Crack sealed Zwyer, Bexley, and Chapel Heights Dr.

Fixed signs on Lindberg and Woodrow Ave.

Mowed township Three times

Paving projects are completed.

Road paved : Kilbury, Linda Mel, Holiday, Wheeler, Carolyn, Edison, Jamesway, Mayfield, Greenway

Woodridge, Collinswood Lane, Denning, and Strawberry

Drainage project was completed on Greenway and Garden Place.

I will be conferring with Ron and Roger on next year's paving projects

## **Fire Department**

Fire depart has opened up the applications for the current openings.  
The cutoff date is Oct 20th.

The promotional exam is scheduled for Oct 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1000 hrs.  
This exam will be put on by Command 352 from Columbus. As of today, we have 2 people showing interest in taking test. We have one opening right now to lieutenant.  
Deadline to submit for test is October 8th.

Chief has been in contact with FEMA. I'm anticipating a denial for the safer grant. It appears all the awards have been given for that cycle. Fire department has one remaining grant for equipment yet to be denied. Probably the same result.  
I would like to research hiring a grant writer for these grants.

Chief would like permission to purchase new 1 ¾ fire hose for the fire trucks. The current hose doesn't work well with the smooth bore nozzles. The hose kinks and reduces water flow. Been a battle for years and the time has come to fix it.  
Quote to replace this hose is under \$8,500.00 from Fire Safety Services, Inc. Chief has tried for grants with no luck and the problem is still there and the cost keeps going up. The time to order and receive is close to 7 months. Would like to purchase and pay for in 2023. Receive in 2024.

Chief and fiscal officer are still waiting on final running on whether or not the retention grant is going to be pensioned or not. Still in review at state from what I heard.

Pfund out of PA is trying to order us a 2024 chassis for the new medic. If this is successful, the board will need to purchase the chassis at time of delivery and then remaining balance for squad would be due at time of delivery. This could save us a year on the order.

The fire department is staffed at 19 firefighters currently and we need to be at 24.

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