

September 5, 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	(Excused)	Ms. Sheila Perin	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief Meddles, Mark McCleary, Ron Phillips

GUESTS: Ken Lengieza, Kaye Persinger, Tracy Richardson

Public Hearing for consideration of adding the following sections to the Zoning Code. Chapter 15 Industrial Districts 15.02 use regulation to allow for indoor sports complexes. Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept the addition; Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 1,2023. Ms. McCleary seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to rescind Resolution 2023-0801. New resolution 2023-0905 was read.

Resolution No. 2023-0905

A RESOLUTION BY THE MARION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDING TERMS FOR THE MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH **CASCADE WASTE AND RECYCLING** FOR THE PURPOSE OF ABATEMENT OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX AT A PROCESSING FACILITY AT 1690 CASCADE DRIVE, MARION, OHIO, TO ENCOURAGE CASCADE WASTE AND RECYCLING TO BUILD AT THAT SITE.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-0905 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (TRUSTEES) of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio finds that **CASCADE WASTE AND RECYCLING (COMPANY)** is 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 locate a facility on CASCADE DRIVE as an industrial material recycling and waste transfer facility,

WHEREAS, the number of full-time jobs to be added from this new building is estimated at least 3 with an annual payroll estimated to be at least \$100,000 from these positions; and

WHEREAS, Since the requested abatement is 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 July 11, 2023 of this Township Meeting, 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 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 3 employees after December 31, 2025. In any three-year (3) period during which this agreement is in effect after January 1, 2026, 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 shall 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 ceases operations during the term of the agreement, the COMPANY, or its successors, 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, 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. Ballinger, yes. The motion carried and the Resolution No. 2023-0905 was declared adopted.

Adopted the 5th day of September, 2023

Nothing to report on the status of EPA violation for Logan Tire.

New Business

Chief Meddles reported on (2) fire service grants. One is a \$20,000 grant from Ohio EMA which is an Ohio Ambulance Transportation Grant. Chief would like to provided additional monies to the firefighters who quality for this. Ms. Perin is looking into how to report this grant and if a new fund needs to be set up.

The second grant is the Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program. Marion Township Fire will receive approximately \$84,000. Monies for this grant have not been received as yet.

KM made a motion to accept the Ohio Transportation Grant of \$20,000. Mr. Ballinger 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Tracy Richardson was in attendance to discuss changes in the district and state.

Committee Reports

Zoning

8	August 2023
Expert Fence	1287 Sunset Rd. \$50.00
Rialto Mfg.	1632 Cascade Dr. \$5,750.00
Spirit Halloween	1609 Marion Mt. Gilead Rd \$100.00
Jenny Boodoo	547 Carolyn Dr. \$50.00
Michael Gibbs	1823 Grandview Dr. \$100.00
Christine Lawrence	2423 East Dr. \$50.00
Chris Burroughs	2525 Mercer Dr. \$150.00

Jason Reibert	328 McMahan Blvd.
	\$2,937.50
Total	\$9,187.50

Road Department

Crack sealed Garden PL. and Kibbey Dr. (Done)
 Crack sealed Zwayer Dr. (Not finished)
 Weed eat and sprayed Park St, Dennis Ave, Bryant, and Arlington
 Mowed township and cemeteries #3 times
 Had Tractor worked on at John Deere
 Vehicles #395 and #550 sent to Ford for recall
 Two 25 MPG signs installed on Siesta Dr.
 Cut trees (sight problem) on Lawrence Ave. Norris St. per school buses
 Chip seal was completed on Waterworks Rd.
 Catch basin installed on Woodridge Rd.

Fire Department

Need to accept resignations from Lt. Richard Kelly and Kyle Dennison
 Kyle Dennison was effective Aug. 15, 2023
 Lt. Richard Kelly effective Aug 31, 2023

Fire Department has been awarded 2 retention grants.

1. from Ohio Ambulance and Transportation \$20,000.00
2. Ohio EMA Retention Grant max. \$4,000.00 per member

Need to post an advertisement for job opening.

Our new squad was a 2023, then a 2024 and now looking at 2025. The salesman is trying to find a 2024 chassis for us.

Marion City swapped some parts from their wrecked squad to our backup up and it fixed the powerload. About a \$4,000.00 savings. Chief thanked them.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn out of regular session to discuss personnel and labor negotiations and enter into Executive Session. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:40 pm. Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn out of executive session and enter into regular session. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. The Board adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:15 pm

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCleary seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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