

December 29, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio met in its year-end meeting. Ms. McCleary called the meeting to order at 10:13 am with the following members and visitors present:

Ms. Karen McCleary	Present	Mr. Ben Creasap	Present
Mr. Larry Ballinger	Present	Ms. Sheila Perin	Present

EMPLOYEES: Mark McCleary, Ben Meddles

GUESTS: No guests present.

Pledge of allegiance.

Zoning Inspector Mark McCleary gave an overview of zoning activities for 2023.

Mrs. McCleary asked if either Mr. Creasap or Mr. Ballinger were interested in being Chairman of the Board for 2024. Mr. Creasap declined. Mr. Ballinger said he would consider being Chairman Pro Tempore' to conduct the Re-organization meeting on January 2nd, 2024, but he was not interested in being Chairman.

Ms. McCleary distributed the listing for the 2023 duties of the trustees as follows:

Chairperson – Larry Ballinger

Vice-Chairman – Karen McCleary

Trustee – Ben Creasap

Fire Dept. – Ballinger and McCleary

Road Dept. – Creasap and Ballinger

Zoning, Zoning Boards, Zoning Regulations – McCleary and Ballinger

Meeting Prep and Agendas – McCleary

Special Resolutions, Public Relations – McCleary and Perin

Cemeteries – Creasap and Ballinger

Legal – McCleary and Ballinger

Equipment and Facilities – Ballinger and Creasap

Township Hall Manager – McCleary

Health Department Rep - McCleary

Grandview lighting – Creasap

Regional Planning Board Rep – McCleary

Board Land Bank rep -- Ballinger

Budget, Financial Reports, Employee Affairs and Township letters – All trustees

Wi-Fi, township building manager – Mark McCleary

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve the duties of the trustees for 2023; Mr. Creasap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary read the MOU regarding changing the HSA contribution for the match from \$1,000 for single to \$1,500 for single, and \$2,000 for family to \$3,000 for family. Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the HAS change as read, Mr. Ballinger seconded. Roll call as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve purchase of turnout gear racks from GearGrid Corporation in the amount of approximately \$3,000 per the quote received from Chief Meddles. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles asked for approval to contract with Motion to approve Gatschell Grant Resources LLC to assist with grant writing in 2024. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Motion carried

Ms. Perin provided the board with copies of the revenue and appropriation budgets for 2024. She discussed some of the changes she made to the budget and asked for input from Chief Meddles and the Board of Trustees. The final temporary budget will be presented and finalized at the January 2, 2024 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Creasap to complete all year-end transactions effective December 31, 2023 seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Motion carried.

Meeting dates for 2024 will remain the same as the first Tuesday of every month. Ms. McCleary distributed a meeting schedule for the 2024 dates.

Goals for 2024 were discussed.

1. Focus on moving forward with new fire dept. bldg. at New Park Drive location
2. Historical documents in storage room need to be addressed
3. Clean and organize storage room
4. Update records retention schedule.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the health insurance rates for 2024:

Single -- \$51.33/pay

Employee/child -- \$100.08/pay

Family -- \$169.37/pay

The union agreed to raise the deductible for single coverage to \$3,000 and for family coverage to \$6,000.

Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pay increase figures were presented to the Board for approval:

2% wage increase for road department employees, along with Zoning Inspector and Zoning Secretary.

New rates as follows:

	Current	2024 wage
Ron Phillips	\$18.33	\$18.69/hr.
Terry Lane	16.71	17.04/hr.
Junior Dunn	16.71	17.04/hr.
Virgil Spurgeon	16.71	17.04/hr.
Jennifer Sidle	\$6,000/annually	\$6,200.00/annually
Mark McCleary	\$13,563.12	\$13,834.38
Chief Meddles	\$94,987.44	\$98,312.00
Asst. Chief Thomas	\$85,321.20	\$88,307.44

Fire report:

The 2024 insurance rates have been finalized. To keep the premiums in check, the union agreed to a plan and increased the deductible from 2000/4000 to 3000/6000 from the current CBA. The union signed an MOU to reflect this as well. If agreed, the Townships match will go from 1000/2000 to 1500/3000. MOU will be presented at the meeting for action.

Chief needs approval to purchase fire gear racks for Station 2. This will come from the 2024 budget. Lead time to build and ship is roughly 6-8 weeks. The prison welded our last ones and they never worked out the way they were designed to. The cost is \$2,774.00.

The front door at Station 2 has been ordered and came in wrong and had to be reordered. This needs to be done ASAP as the current door is broken and unable to secure the station. Also replaced the rolling toolbox that finally broke down enough to become non-functional.

Chief's getting quotes for a possible replacement of Car 302. Was notified by Pfund Sales that our squad chassis has been delivered to Lifeline in Iowa. Hopefully will have a better build date after the first of the year.

Ms. Perin and Chief are working on the 2024 temporary budget.

Chief would like to hire Gatchell Grant Resources, LLC for the upcoming AFG funding cycle. Their fees are for not only writing the grant but also seeing it through till the end. Chief has a few things that could be requested for the 2024 grant year.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Ballinger to adjourn. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion and roll call was as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Creasap, yes. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 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.