

March 4, 2025

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

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

EMPLOYEES: Mark McCleary, Chief Meddles, Ron Phillips

GUESTS: Josh Daniels

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Josh Daniels presented information on purchasing parcels of land behind Southland Parkway for future development.

Ms. McCleary moved to approve the minutes from February 4, 2025 regular meeting. Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION: An email was received from Dave Stamolis regarding Chapel Heights Cemetery. According to his email, the township may not have an option as to taking over the cemetery in the future.

Letter received from Clemans Nelson regarding an increase in their monthly retainer fee to \$200/month.

Paperwork was received from the Marion County Engineer regarding chip and seal program.

Erin Creeden, RN from the Health Dept. provided updated information on the Health Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning amendment proposals – nothing to report.

Township hall – exterior plan update – Mark McCleary provided information on the roof for the entrance of township hall. Pitched roof -- \$107,000. Flat roof is \$98,920.00. Discussion followed. Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the estimate for the pitched roof option; seconded by Ms. McCleary.

Ms. Perin provided information she received from Teri Slaughterbeck of the Marion County Commissioners Office. The Berry Ditch petition is a long way off and is a major project. A hearing will be held for the Berry Ditch on April 3 at 10:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Perin read the Annual Appropriation Resolution to approve permanent appropriations for 2025. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the permanent budget annual appropriation resolution for 2025; Mr. Creasap seconded. Roll call as follows: Mr. Creasap, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Perin read the following resolution for road paving bids:

MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0304

Resolution for Marion Township 2025 Road Paving project

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF MARION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO TAKE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, Marion Township is planning to make or perform several road improvements for 2025 and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure improvements are considered to be priority needs for the community and are qualified projects within the Marion Township Road Department rotation list and

WHEREAS, road paving costs have been projected and estimated by the Marion County Engineer's Office for 2025, and

WHEREAS, legal notice will be published for bidding of said roads in local newspaper and specifications will be available on the Marion Township Website, www.mariontwp.org and by contacting the Marion Township Fiscal Officer, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Chairman of the board of Marion Township Trustees, Mr. Ben Creasap is hereby authorized to enter into contract, on behalf of the board, with the lowest bidding contractor, and that Mr. Roger Dietrich, will be the contact person for the road paving project.

IT WAS MOVED BY; Ms. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Ballinger to authorize the board of Marion Township Trustees to enter into contract for the purpose of participating in the local transportation improvement project.

Vote on motion: Mr. Creasap, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes.

WHEREUPON the resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of May 2025 and that bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1 at 5:30pm, at the meeting of the Marion Township Trustee.

Chief Meddles is recommending Gavin Kafka recommending for hire. Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept Chief's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Creasap. Roll call as follows: Mr. Creasap, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes.

Road Department

Fixed yards due to plow damage
Fixed signs on Brookpark, Oxford, Ducor, and Buena
Pothole patched Cascade, Phoenix, Brookpark, and Laura Dr.
Spot bermed on Sara, Peterson, and Trachsel Ave.
Picked up dead deer on Wilson Dr.
Fixed alley on Euclid and Emerson Ave.
Cleaned out catch basins on Forest Hill, Hickory, and Lindberg Dr.
Cut brush on Bryant and Emerson Ave.
Mowed Complex

Zoning

No zoning permits for February.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Creasap seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

_____	Mr. Ben Creasap, Chairman
_____	Ms. Karen McCleary, Vice-Chairman
_____	Mr. Larry Ballinger, 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.