

June 3, 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	Excused

EMPLOYEES: Chief Meddles, Ron Phillips, Jeff Cummins, Doug Reinschell, Chad Temple

GUESTS: Jon Crabtree, Van Creasap

PUBLIC COMMENT: Van Creasap was in attendance and spoke about “targeted clean ups”. Mr. Ballinger shared that there are many problem properties with trash and unkept yards of the bad areas of the township. Mr. Creasap is asking if the township could assist with putting trash from some of these properties to the street with the assistance of a road department front loader. Van Creasap stated that he has a grant for \$100,000 through the Ohio Attorney General’s office to do cleanup of illegal dumps. He’s frustrated with the legal side of things because no action is being taken. He is asking the township to work with the health department to identify cleanup process. The health department has to identify their list, hoping for townships to come together and put forth monies to cover private attorney fees. He also discussed the possibility of using the Sheriff’s programs with prisoners to work off jail time in exchange for public service. Mr. Creasap also reported that Logan Tire was supposed to have all tires removed from their property by June 1. There are approximately 1-1/2 trucks left to remove.

Resident Jon Crabtree was in attendance and expressed his concern about a zoning build permit for a garage. This garage is going to be 1,500 square feet so he’s not sure what to do. Zoning inspector Cummins will speak to Marion Regional Planning for directions on assisting Mr. Crabtree with this. Mr. Crabtree voiced that he is aware the garage has to be 3 feet inside the property line.

Ms. McCleary moved to approve the minutes from May 6, 2025 regular meeting. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION: No communication received.

OLD BUSINESS

Still waiting on materials to get ordered and bids for the exterior plan update to township hall building.

The replacement windows and exterior doors are waiting for installation at Station #1.

Chief Meddles is awaiting quotes for repairs to the parking lot at Station #1. He would like to compare blacktop with concrete.

Chief Meddles has received a delivery date of September 4, 2025 for the new squad.

Discussion held regarding broken tiles at Chapel Heights cemetery. Roger Dietrich is fairly certain the problem may be Aqua's. Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Phillips will inspect the drain during excavation. Mark Pickens will notify Dietrich/Phillips when he out at the cemetery. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve up to \$5,000 for repair of the broken tile. Mr. Creasap seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Ms. McCleary welcomed Jeff Cummins as the new township zoning inspector.

Discussion held regarding high grass at some properties in Grandview.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to hire a new firefighter/paramedic Jonathan Hasson. Possible start date of July 1, 2025.

Road Department

Mowed Township and Complex 4 times

Spot bermed on Euclid and Sara

Cleaned catch basin on Trachel

Fixed pot hole for fire dept. on Marion Edison Rd.

Pot hole patched on Brookpark and Edgefield Blvd.

Mowed and weed eat on Boise, New Park, and Quarry Park (Big Tractor)

Mowed lot on Rte 739 per Larry Ballinger

Fixed stop sign on State St.
Jettied tile on Barford and 423 N.(Pickens)

Mr. Dietrich reported that the Lusch addition drainage project is working well and is considered completed. Tiles were full of mud. Mr. Dietrich is considering placing some drainage grates in Lusch addition.

Zoning

No report.

Fire Department

Ladder was requested for the procession for Deputy Sherrer in Mt. Gilead. Chief Meddles, Chief Thomas, CJ Temple and Jacob Levings. CJ Temple and Jacob Levings volunteered to come in off duty to assist. Thank you to them.

Ladder will also be used Wednesday, June 4th for the funeral procession down town Marion along with Marion Fire Ladder 25. Same personnel will be participating in that.

New medic is on schedule for completion from Life line September 4th. It will then go to Pfund for final install of items.

New Engine/Rescue 313 has been moved to a February/March delivery date from fall of this year according to Sutphen.

Windows were installed at fire station one last Friday and finished up those Monday. Station one is having problems with non-fire department people parking in our lot. There are some concerns about safety and property damage if this continues. Precision Towing has been contacted to place No Parking signs up that meet the Marion City Ordinance on illegal parking.

Chief is still working on parking lot quotes for both the twp hall and station one. More to follow.

FF Gavin Kafka resigned May 19, 2025 at 1400 hours. No notice given to Chief Meddles. He did repay the twp. his costs associated with medic school as agreed upon.

EMS Billing numbers are up \$52,000.. From this time last year. Also call volume is up from this time last year. Up 128 calls so far

Fire department has one opening and hope to fill this very soon. Interview scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 1630 hours.

Requesting executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn out of regular session and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mr. Ballinger seconded and the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:43 pm. Ms. McCleary made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and enter into regular session; Mr. Ballinger seconded and the Board re-convened into regular session at 7:14 pm.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Creasap seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 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.