

April 7, 2026

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

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

Employees: Ben Meddles, Brian Thomas

In Attendance: Dick Gray (Goodwill), Justin Vanderhoff (Goodwill), Brad DeCamp (ADAMH)

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the March 3, 2026. Ms. McCleary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bids for the 2026 road paving project were received from the following:

Kokosing -- \$301,107.13
McB Paving -- \$318,746.20
Shelly and Sands -- \$283,113.25

Shelly and Sands will be awarded the bid if everything checks out on Roger's end.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brad DeCamp was in attendance to talk about the ADAMH levy which will appear on the May 2026 ballot.

Representatives from Goodwill were in attendance to discuss the specs for the new building that will be constructed on W. Fairground. There will be 3 units in each bldg..

COMMUNICATION:

Ms. Perin read the following correspondence that was received:

A petition was received from local attorney, Ted McKinniss, regarding the annexing of a portion of Silver Street and Euclid Avenue. Ms. McCleary and Mr. Creasap were familiar with this area as a proposed Dollar General store will be going in at that location.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on fire department vehicles – Chief Meddles reported that the new truck is currently in Springfield for approximately 6-8 weeks so the truck will probably not be in service until the end of June, 2026.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the quote from RC Cooper for the repair of the road salt building repairs. The estimate was for \$1525.00 for the repair. Mr. Creasap seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Jeff Cummins reported that Andy Howser will start on the front pillars for the entrance of township hall tomorrow, April 8, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

Drexel Avenue cleanup. Jeff Cummins is coordinating the clean up of this property. Jeff has been in touch with Dave Stamolis regarding this. He will followup with a notice of nuisance by contacting Dave Stamolis. The following resolutions were read by Ms. Perin:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 0407 (C)

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION on JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES owned by:

Tim Price

Located: 1027 Drexel Ave., Marion, OH 43302

Lien Holder:

WHEREAS, A discussion was held by the Board of Marion Township Trustees, Marion County, Marion Ohio regarding the above named property nuisance and a determination made that the property meets the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 505.871 and is declared a nuisance because of JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES in excess of 20+.

THE AFORESAID matter came before the Board of Trustees on April 7, 2026 for

consideration. Karen McCleary, Trustee made a motion to approve the resolution and issue a NOTICE OF JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE NUISANCE to the property owner or owners and lien holders. The motion was seconded by Ben Creasap, trustee.

ROLLCALL was as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes: Mr. Ballinger, yes: Mr. Creasap, yes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a notice of nuisance shall be immediately posted or delivered to the above mentioned owners and any lien holders and after the 7th day of posting the Marion Township Trustees shall cause the junk motor vehicle to be abated with all costs for the abatement being certified to the property tax duplicate for the above referenced address.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0407 (d)

REMOVAL OF NUISANCE AT 1027 DREXEL AVE., MARION, OH

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION to provide for the further removal of debris by homeowner, Tim Price, located at 1027 Drexel Ave., Marion, OH 43302 pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87.

WHEREAS: Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 505.87 specifically vests Marion Township Board of Trustees with statutory authority to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, equipment and other debris from land in the township, if the board determines that the owner's maintenance of that vegetation, garbage, refuse, equipment or other debris constitutes a nuisance.

WHEREAS: The Marion Township Trustees have determined the property located at 1027 Drexel Ave., Marion, OH continues to be a nuisance as defined by O.R.C. 505.87.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be immediately posted at 1027 Drexel Ave., Marion, Ohio 43302 and after the 7th day of posting the Marion Township Trustees shall cause the nuisance to be abated with all costs for the abatement being certified to the property tax duplicate for the above referenced address.

THE AFORESAID matter came before the Board of Marion Township Trustees on April 7, 2026, at a regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting.

Mrs. McCleary made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Creasap.

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Marion Township approved this resolution to be effective April 7, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 0407 (A)

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION on JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES owned by:

Levi Sharp

Located: 1013 Drexel Ave., Marion, OH 43302

Lien Holder:

WHEREAS, A discussion was held by the Board of Marion Township Trustees, Marion County, Marion Ohio regarding the above named property nuisance and a determination made that the property meets the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 505.871 and is declared a nuisance because of JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES in excess of 20+.

THE AFORESAID matter came before the Board of Trustees on April 7, 2026 for consideration. Karen McCleary, Trustee made a motion to approve the resolution and issue a NOTICE OF JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE NUISANCE to the property owner or owners and lien holders. The motion was seconded by Ben Creasap, trustee.

ROLLCALL was as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes: Mr. Ballinger, yes: Mr. Creasap, yes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a notice of nuisance shall be immediately posted or delivered to the above mentioned owners and any lien holders and after the 7th day of posting the Marion Township Trustees shall cause the junk

motor vehicle to be abated with all costs for the abatement being certified to the property tax duplicate for the above referenced address

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0407 (b)

REMOVAL OF NUISANCE AT 1013 DREXEL AVE., MARION, OH

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION to provide for the further removal of debris by homeowner, Levi Sharp, located at 1013 Drexel Ave., Marion, OH 43302 pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87.

WHEREAS: Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 505.87 specifically vests Marion Township Board of Trustees with statutory authority to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, equipment and other debris from land in the township, if the board determines that the owner's maintenance of that vegetation, garbage, refuse, equipment or other debris constitutes a nuisance.

WHEREAS: The Marion Township Trustees have determined the property located at 1027 Drexel Ave., Marion, OH continues to be a nuisance as defined by O.R.C. 505.87.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be immediately posted at 1013 Drexel Ave., Marion, Ohio 43302 and after the 7th day of posting the Marion Township Trustees shall cause the nuisance to be abated with all costs for the abatement being certified to the property tax duplicate for the above referenced address.

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Mrs. McCleary made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Creasap.

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Marion Township approved this resolution to be effective April 7, 2026.

Ms. Perin is asking for approval to hire Schumaker Group to manage the township website and make it ADA compliant. This is a requirement that is to be completed by April 26, 2026. Costs would be:

One-Time Costs:

- Silver Package \$1,295

Annual Costs:

- Website Hosting & Support \$375/year
- 12 Hour/Year Maintenance Package \$700/year.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept this proposal as submitted; seconded by Mr. Creasap. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary reported that she received a phone call from someone from Chapel Heights Cemetery. They are requesting that the township take control of the cemetery. Chapel Heights has only \$9,000 currently to maintain the cemetery. The board is not in agreement to not maintain the cemetery. Will await further advice from the county prosecutor.

A representative from OTARMA will be at the township site on Monday, April 27 to do an annual property appraisal at 1:00 pm. Mr. Creasap said he will meet with the representative on that date.

Road Department

Picked up all snow markers
 Fixed sign on Van Atta
 Fixed yards due to plow damage
 Pot hole patched Oxford, Edgefield, American, and New Park
 Picked up litter on State Street, Bryant, Lindberg, Phoenix, and East Lawn
 Picked up limbs from high winds
 Tree down on Laura Dr.
 1 day of snow and ice
 Checked drainage all township
 Worked on saws
 Spot bermed all township
 Worked on lights #550
 Mowed complex
 Washed trucks

Zoning

26-3-6-R1 Richard Hicks 1747 Covington Place R-1A Garage \$100 Granted
26-3-6-R3 Douglas Wells 561 James Way R-1A Deck/Porch \$50 Granted
26-3-6-R2 Jason & Joann Arnold 1540 Southland Parkway R-2 Single Family
Manufactured Home \$592.50 Granted
26-3-20-S1 Signed by Josette LLC 1653 Marion Mt. Gilead Rd Sign \$200.00 Granted
26-3-27-R1 Thomas Connors 386 Linda Mel Dr. Fence \$50.00 Granted

Fire Department

No report

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Creasap made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Ballinger. 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
_____	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.