

September 2, 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

In Attendance: Denny Smith, Norma McCaulley, Marcella Brown, Connie Thompson, Jack Thompson, Kathy Rust, Brenna Aldridge, Michael Aldridge, Ken Lengieza, Mauri Morse, Jackie Taylor, Roger Dietrich

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ken Lengieza from Marion Regional Planning was in attendance and gave a presentation on the proposed CRA (Community Reinvestment Area) district. He provided handouts with maps. He proposed coming to another meeting to discuss it further.

Brenna Aldridge, a resident of 212 Edgefield Blvd. wanted to discuss with the Board of Trustees the speeding problem in Marion Meadows.

Denny Smith was in attendance and inquired about the chicken problem that was addressed at last month's meeting. Ken Lengieza will check and make sure that will be addressed with Regional Planning.

Kathy Rust, a Carolyn Dr. resident wanted to thank the Board of Trustees for the effort they put forth with the log man.

COMMUNICATION: Correspondence was received from Alta Fiber to serve as notice that they intend to provide video service within Marion Township.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. McCleary moved to accept the August 5, 2025 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Ballinger.

Joe Cooper was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the bid that was submitted and approved for the exterior work of township hall. Total quote provided is \$115,029.00. Ms. McCleary moved for approval of the quote as submitted; seconded by Larry Ballinger.

Two bids have been received for the 2026 asphalt upgrades at Station #1 and township hall. MAG concrete LLC \$61,762.00 and Park Enterprise \$68,345.72. Ms. McCleary made a motion to encumber the lowest bid of \$61,762.00 for the asphalt upgrades; seconded by Mr. Creasap.

The motion to approve or reject the planned CRA property district proposals was tabled.

Chief Meddles received two (2) quotes to repair the roof for building #2. The roof was found to be leaking rainwater and has multiple openings allowing birds to enter. Chief received two (2) bids for repair of the roof at building #2.

ASI Commercial Roofing & Maintenance -- \$6,042.00
Mann's Roofing and Gutters -- \$48,000.00

Mr. Creasap made a motion to approve the lowest bid from ASI in the amount of \$6,042.00; Ms. McCleary seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

A resolution was read by Ms. Perin to direct the Marion County Auditor's office to assess property taxes when township abatement work is performed for problem properties.

MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0902

TOWNSHIP DIRECTIVE FOR COUNTY AUDITOR TO PLACE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY TAX DUPLICATE

Whereas, the Marion Township Trustees have incurred monetary costs associated with abatement of nuisances (tall weeds, grass, brush, downed trees, logs etc.) for residences in Marion Township, Ohio. Some property owners in Marion Township have failed to comply with maintenance of their properties as directed by the Marion Township Zoning Code.

Therefore, Marion Township has been tasked with mowing and abating of these unsightly properties pursuant to ORC 505.87 which states that a board of township trustees

may recover costs of abating nuisance properties, removing noxious weeds and overgrown vegetation, tree limbs, logs and related expenses.

Whereas, the Marion Township Trustees are requesting the cost of the removal of these nuisances be assessed as a special assessment against the property tax duplicate of the properties listed in a separate invoice.

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

Therefore be it resolved, that the Marion Township Trustees respectfully direct the Marion County Auditor to place a special assessment on the property tax duplicate listed on the attached invoice.

Ms. Perin read the resolution accepting the rates for the 2026 budget year as proposed by the Marion County Auditor's office in a recent budget hearing.

Chief Meddles provided information on a Fire Service Safety grant for \$40,000. This is a grant with matching funds. The match that the township would be responsible for is \$19,160.00 Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept the Fire Service Safety grant for \$40,000 with the township matching the funds in the amount of \$19,160.00. Seconded by Mr. Ballinger. Motion carried.

Chief Meddles asked to table the topic of a fuel vault for \$5,000 from Central Ohio Co-op.

Road Department

Mowed TWP and Complex
Mowed Waterworks and Kibbey (Big Tractor)
Worked on spouting on BLDG # 2
Cleaned catch basins
Cut trees around stop signs (site problem)
Cut trees on Norris St.
Crack sealed Ruth and Lawrence Ave.
Spot bermed on Woodbine , Sherwood, and Lindberg
Worked on saws
Cleaned gutters on Southland , New Park, and Avon Lake

Zoning

25-8-07-R1 Pool/Deck	8/5/25	Rebecca Richardson \$150.00	R-1-A Granted	659 Edgefield Dr.	Residential
25-05-R1 Deck	8/5/25	Cody Drake \$50.00	R-1-A Granted	2548 Curren Dr.	Residential
25-8-23-R1 Sign	8/11/25	Michele Perriuchan \$600.00	R-1-A Granted	1377 Marion Waldo Rd.	Sign
25-8-29-R-1 porch	8/24/25	Merle Francis \$50.00	R-1-A Granted	638 Richland Rd.	Residential
25-8-29-R1 Shed	8/26-25	Chester Harrison \$50.00	R-1 Granted	1115 Oakwood Rd.	Residential
25-8-29-I3 Scale House	8/26/25	Josh Daniels \$1175.00	I-3 Granted	1690 Cascade Dr.	Industrial

Fire Department

Chief has passed the torch to Roger for the parking lot projects. He has been working with a few contractors.

Building #2 has major water leaking in the roof. Chief presented a quote from Rocky Mann and now has another quote from ASI Commercial Roofing. Chief recommends ASI for repairs. \$6,042.00. An additional amount for the replacement of the furnace stack, which is cracked.

Chief applied for a BWC Safety Intervention Grant and was awarded \$40,000.00. This will cover the replacement of the rescue hydraulic tools for the new E/R.

The total out-of-pocket for the project is \$19,160.00 if approved by the board.

Marion EMA purchased an extra radio from Ohio EMA a few years back. They have decided to go a different route and the chance to purchase that radio is here. \$3088.36. This radio will be placed in the new Rescue engine and the other radio the township did purchase will be placed in the new medic this month.

Chief Meddles opposes the proposed CRA #4 area. With the unknowns lurking with property tax in the very future, the fire department needs means to capture the additional revenue from development. The area covers just over 2 square miles of undeveloped land running from SR 423 to SR 95 by Whirlpool. He believes there should be some joint effort between the trustees and commissioners as to the best language for this CRA if it moves forward. Chief believes there could be some wording as to the fire department receiving some tax from this type of agreement.

The new medic should be here yet this month or next.

Rescue 313 has been in and out of the shop for no start issues. This has been an issue for many years and never seems to be able to be fixed. The fire department has been keeping the repair and maintenance costs down due to a good truck replacement plan. 313 will be replaced early next year, Medic 304 in the next few months and Medic 303 will be on the schedule for refurb 2027.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCleary seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 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.