

December 30, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio met in its year end meeting. Mr. Clabaugh called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm with the following members and visitors present:

Mr. Lynn Clabaugh	Present	Ms. Karen McCleary	Present
Mr. Richard Rasmussen	Present	Sheila Perin	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief Ben Meddles, Charles Fosnaugh, Larry Brown

GUESTS: Allison Binkley

Pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

Allison Binkley presented information on a bond/levy for the purpose of a new fire station. She explained that the amount borrowed cannot exceed 5% of the township's tax assessment. Declaration of official intent (Allison would do this for us)
She needs to talk to county auditor; declaration of official intent; guideline/timeline for the process.

Ms. McCleary distributed the listing for the 2017 duties of the trustees as follows:

Chairman – Larry Ballinger

Vice-Chairman – Karen McCleary

Trustee – Lynn Clabaugh

Fire Dept – Clabaugh and McCleary

Road Dept – McCleary and Clabaugh

Zoning – Zoning and Zoning Boards – Ballinger/Clabaugh

Zoning Regulations – Ballinger/Clabaugh

Budget, Financial, Administrative Reports, Resolutions, Employee Affairs, Public Relations and Township letters – all Trustees

Cemeteries – McCleary and Clabaugh

Legal – Clabaugh and McCleary

Equipment and Facilities – Clabaugh and McCleary

Township Hall Manager – McCleary

Health Department Rep - McCleary

Mr. Clabaugh made a motion to approve the duties of the trustees for 2017; Ms. McCleary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting dates for the year 2017 were reviewed. Tentative schedule for winter meetings are: January 17, February 7, and March 7. As in previous years, the 2nd Board meeting of the month for January, February, and March will be cancelled with the exception of this year's January meeting to be held on January 17. Therefore, the February and March Board meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. Beginning with the April 2017 meeting the dates will be the first and third Tuesday of the month. Payroll meeting dates are listed on the attached agenda.

Motion made by Ms. McCleary to complete all year end transactions effective 12-31-16; seconded by Mr. Clabaugh. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve paying trustee's health insurance for 2017. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Goals for 2017 – employee manual update; record storage; fire station construction. Chief Meddles discussed short term goals: initiate fire inspection program; reactivate the special response teams; replace Engine 314; start a future truck replacement schedule to assist in planning. Medium term goals: secure funding for the replacement station for station one; ladder truck replacement. Long term goals: maintain the services Marion Township Fire has provided beginning in 1971. (2016) were discussed. Included in the goals are drainage projects, junk vehicles, nuisance properties, update review employee manual (fire dept); station improvements (fire department), levy increase in November, ISO improvement.

Motion made by Mr. Clabaugh to approve the 2017 temporary appropriations; seconded by Ms. McCleary.

Motion made by Ms. McCleary to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation. Seconded by Mr. Ballinger. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 2:12 pm.

Mr. Clabaugh made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and re-enter into Year End session. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. The Board reconvened into regular year end session at 2:57 pm.

Ms. McCleary reviewed pay increases for 2017. A 1% pay raise will be given to the Road Department employees, Fire Department Administrative Assistant, and the Fire Chief. Chief Meddles will receive another 1% pay raise after completion of his 1-year probation. The Board agreed to give Larry Brown a \$100/month stipend for property management. The Fire Department employees will receive a 1% pay increase according to their union contract. Motion made by Mr. Ballinger to accept the pay increases as discussed; Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Clabaugh made a motion to investigate the possibility of selling the property on Marion Waldo Rd. Seconded by Ms. McCleary. Roll call as follows: Mr. Ballinger, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Clabaugh yes. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. McCleary to adjourn. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion and roll call was as follows: Ms. McCleary, yes; Ms. Mr. Clabaugh, yes; Mr. Ballinger, yes. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

_____ Mr. Lynn Clabaugh, 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.