

February 7, 2017

The Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio met in its regular meeting. Mr. Ballinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members and visitors present:

Mr. Larry Ballinger	Present	Mr. Lynn Clabaugh	Present
Ms. Karen McCleary	Present	Ms. Sheila Perin	Present

EMPLOYEES: Larry Brown, Chief Meddles, Charlie Fosnaugh, Darrin Hollenbaugh, Jeff Harbaugh

GUESTS: No guests in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Darrin Hollenbaugh voiced his opinion regarding adding to the previous minutes about hiring full time (3) firefighters. The minutes were amended per his recommendation.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the township meeting minutes from January 17, 2017. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Equipment/Lease purchase. Chief had nothing to report and advised it can be removed from the agenda.

Belmont Drainage Tile Improvement Project – grant update – Mr. Brown explained about the grant and the road paving project for 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for beneficiary direction from Jackson Insurance. Mr. Ruth did not have the paperwork ready for approval this evening.

Township farming bids – Mr. Brown reported these letters were mailed on January 27, 2017 and the bids will be opened at the March 7 meeting.

Engagement letter for Squire, Patton & Boggs for Declaration of intent to proceed with bond levy. Discussion followed on what direction to take on this issue. Decision made to table until the next meeting, February 21, 2017.

Drug free workplace policy – Chief Meddles presented this for approval from the Board. Once approved, 7% will be saved by BWC. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the drug free workplace policy; Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from Marion County Health District meeting,

Correspondence on road certification given to Mr. Brown. The dates for the certification are March 2, and 3.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Department Report

Salt used to date 105 tons.

Truck # 550 new Ford dump truck at Dexter Co having snow plow fixed. Dexter Co bringing thicker plow board, for bottom of snow plow.

Belmont Ave Storm Drainage grant is in process at Ohio Public Works Office in Mansfield, Ohio.

Township Local Match \$19,537.00. Total grant \$ 78,146.00.
Trustees will approve grant when it is awarded by Ohio Works Commission.

Matt Frericks from the Marion County Prosecutors Office is working on the easement for Belmont Ave Storm Drainage Project.

ODOT certification of Marion Township Roads Feb 14, 2017 at County Engineers Office at 9:00 am. Trustees & Road Foreman need to be present.

Water use at Township Hall is being recorded. No large amount of water being used. 53.6 cubic feet of water used from Jan 23 thru Feb 7, 2017.

Zoning Report

ZONING ACTIVITY

No problem properties to report.

Mr. Fosnaugh attended the Zoning Board of appeals meeting. James Stover's request for conditional use in an I3 area for mini storage was approved. Also his request for a variance on the installation of the billboards was also approved.

PERMITS ISSUED.

David Whitaker	787 Norris St	New home	\$80,000	\$77
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Fire Department Report

The fire department received the fire truck from Command Fire. Everything looks as it did in Pennsylvania. There have been a few issues with it and the seller is willing to pay for repairs. Crews have worked hard placing equipment on this truck and training on it.

As emailed out we need to adopt this Drug Policy into the manual. It will hopefully secure the 7% saving from BWC premium.

Medic refresher class is going well. It is nice to complete one every once in a while as online training has its limits.

Labor management meeting was held at Chief's office on February 2nd. Local 2134 had some valid concerns about operations and finances. Mr. Clabaugh was present.

I have some concerns about the future funding for Fire and EMS service. Over the years we have lost so much in tax cuts and operating costs going up. This department was started on a 7.7 mil levy. In the early 80's we asked the voters for an additional 2.3 mil to add paramedics to the staff.

When the department was in the prime days, they were staffed with 21 full time career employees and a roster consisting of 10 to 20 part-time guys. Also in this mix we had 3 dispatchers. Before the dispatchers were moved out to the Sheriff's office, the number was 5 dispatchers. Since then we have stopped the extra staffing of part-time fire fighters and increased to 24 full time fire fighters. These numbers are below where we should be but on the other note within our current budget. The fire department has never asked for any additional money since the early 80's.

A bond issue for a Station and possibly truck will only provide just that. I feel we should attempt to place additional levy on to assist us to look to the future. A levy can help fund the fire department for many years and not dead lock us into a short term loan through bonds. My time frame for this would be spring 2018.

Old engine 314 has a pump issue. The parts to repair this will be roughly \$2400.00 not including labor. I'm willing to work on this to save on labor. Some guys have shown interest in replacing the old "beer" truck with 314. Have had discussion with Chief Canterbury about maintaining this truck for a backup and placing at 1st Consolidated Station 3. We could agree to split the cost to maintain this unit and he would supply all the equipment to place in service. Currently the truck is in Building 2.

Department has also discussed trading fire engine and SOARR truck for a used Rescue. Still thinking.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Clabaugh to adjourn. Ms. McCleary seconded the motion and roll call was as follows: Mr. Clabaugh, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes, Mr. Ballinger, yes. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

_____	Mr. Larry Ballinger, Chairman
_____	Ms. Karen McCleary, Vice-Chairman
_____	Mr. Lynn Clabaugh, 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.