

November 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:** Chief Meddles, Larry Brown, Charlie Fosnaugh

**GUESTS:** Lynn Thomas, Chip and Cheryl Kepford, Charles Wall, Nick Wall, Sheriff Bailey, Ryan Hord, Cody Hondros, Van Creasap, Bryan McCleary, Jason Schaber, and Paul Lafayette.

Chip Kepford expressed his thoughts on providing a dispensary for medical marijuana. He is applying for a dispensary license and has several locations in mind in Marion County.

Cody Hondros was in attendance and provided a brief introduction. He represents Verdent Creations LLC, and they are also applying for a dispensary license.

Van Creasap was in attendance representing Marion Public Health and provided information about mosquito traps in Marion County. The Health Department received \$300,000 in grant monies from Ohio EPA and received these mosquito traps. Mr. Creasap is providing the township with “mosquito dunks” which are donut sized devices that can be placed in standing water to alleviate the mosquito problem.

Ms. McCleary provided (2) resolutions at tonight’s meeting – one resolution to permit and the other resolution is to prohibit the dispensing of medical marijuana in the township. After discussion, Ms. McCleary made a motion to accept the resolution to permit (not prohibit) operations such as cultivators, processors and/or retail dispensaries of legal medical marijuana within its territory pursuant to section 3796.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Resolution read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1107(a)**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MARION TOWNSHIP’S DESIRE TO NOT PROHIBIT OR LIMIT OPERATIONS SUCH AS CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS AND/OR RETAIL DISPENSARIES OF LEGAL MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITHIN ITS TERRITORY PURSUANT TO SECTION 3796.29 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the 131<sup>st</sup> Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 523 (the “Bill”), which had an effective date of September 8, 2016; and thereafter was signed into law by Ohio Governor John Kasich, and

**WHEREAS**, the Bill, pursuant to future Ohio Revised Code section 3796.29, empowers the Board of Trustees of an Ohio Township to adopt a resolution prohibiting or limiting the number of legal medical marijuana cultivators, processors or retail dispensaries licensed under that chapter of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion Township acknowledges its right under future Ohio Revised Code 3796.29 to prohibit or limit these types of businesses in the unincorporated territory of the Township and that Marion Township is demographically located within a four county

quadrant consisting of Marion, Hardin, Crawford and Wyandot counties, one of which is being considered by the State of Ohio Pharmacy Board's determination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township finds that at this time, it is unnecessary to prohibit or limit these types of business and desires to permit these legal businesses within its territory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Marion Township deems it to be in the best interest of the public health, welfare and safety of the residents so they may access this form of medical relief in order to reduce or eliminate pain and suffering caused by the severe medical conditions identified by the Ohio legislature as qualifying for medical marijuana treatment and that Marion Township will support such businesses within the Township, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township reserves the right to impose zoning fees for the duration of their existence within the unincorporated areas of Marion Township from medical marijuana cultivators, processors and/or dispensaries as allowed by Ohio law.

**THE AFFORSAID** matter came before the Board of Marion Township Trustees on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at a regular scheduled Board of Trustee meeting.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ballinger.

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

Chief Meddles is asking the Board's approval for the Lieutenants listing. The Ohio Fire Chiefs conducted a lieutenant's test. The Board reviewed the listing of those candidates who passed the testing. Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the lieutenants listing; Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried. The list is good for a duration of (3) years.

Mr. Clabaugh made a motion to adjourn out of regular session and enter into executive session to discuss court action. Ms. McCleary seconded the motion. The board adjourned into executive session at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn out of executive session and re-enter into regular session. Ms. McCleary seconded the motion. The board adjourned out of executive session at 7:56 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. McCleary to employ Paul Lafayette for litigation services pertaining to the township health insurance in Stark County. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion.

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: Mr. Ballinger, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes, Mr. Clabaugh, yes. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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