

May 5, 2020

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

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

**EMPLOYEES:** Chief Meddles, Lynn Clabaugh

**GUESTS:** No guests in attendance.

Ms. McCleary moved to approve the minutes from April 7, 2020. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No guests in attendance.

Ms. Perin reminded the Board that she had forwarded an email from Ohio Public Works Commission stating that the next payment due in July would be deferred until January. They are not accepting any payments in July 2020.

Ms. Perin reported that the audit went very well. It was held on Friday, April 25. There were a few additional items that needed to be emailed and this has been completed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Ballinger provided an update on the road-paving bid. He met with Roger Dietrich and there are some problems that need to be taken care of. The paving is up to the curb on Edgefield, this will all have to be removed, and the curb ground before paving can commence. Ms. McCleary is recommending that part of Brookpark be paved with road levy monies. Discussion followed and if the price for paving is less than \$45,000, the township does not have to bid. Mr. Ballinger will contact three paving contractors, explain the project, and have them submit a quote.

Mr. Ballinger reported there was a drainage problem on Chapel Heights across from the airport. The road department personnel found a tree root in the swale and the area is now dry. The road department employees are going to snake Janet Akers property on Richland Rd. and a property on Wyoming Ave. Mr. Thomas reported that the property at 849 Fountain Street which Mike Yost has been complaining. The property owner has been working on removing the trash/junk but the neighbors have been putting their trash in as well. The health department is involved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Perin reported she has received no payments from Comfort Inn so far in 2020. This makes them four months in arrears in their payments. Two calls were placed to Vic Dayal who owns the Comfort Inn, but he has not returned the phone calls. The Board of Trustees want the county prosecutor to get involved in collecting these back payments. This has gone on for years. Adam Laugle from the county prosecutor's office will forward a letter to Ms. Perin. Mr. Ballinger offered to pick the letter up from the county prosecutor's office and hand deliver. Ms. Perin will still send the certified letter.

Lynn Thomas will contact Tom Forester about farming the 3 acres of farmland that the township owns. He is going to see if he would be interested in farming for 3 years.

Mr. Ballinger made a motion for the fiscal officer as the primary, designated signee for Palmer Energy.

Discussion was held regarding adding an additional line item for budget that would be earmarked for the building of a new fire station. This line item would be in the general fund. Cindy McCafferty, who is the rep from Local Government Services, said that a line item for capital improvement could be created. She further explained that if the budget commission questioned why the money is in that line item, explain what the intentions are for this. Mr. Ballinger made a motion to approve a new line item earmarked for a new construction of a new fire department, Ms. McCleary seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. McCleary made a motion to change the township board meetings to 1x/month. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding if township road department employees mow properties with noxious weeds/grass, these costs would be assessed to the homeowners. Tabled until next meeting. Pending prosecutor.

A motion made by Ms. McCleary to employ Chris Connelly to proceed with assisting the township in TIF resolution for various commercial parcels within the township. Mr. Ballinger seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas made a motion for cot purchase from EMS fund for \$16,000 based on Chief Meddles recommendation. Ms. McCleary seconded the motion.

### **Zoning Committee**

Six permits since last meeting

Shed. Richard Hawkins. \$50.00 1904 South Ave.	Cost \$4000.00
Fence. Regan Wood. \$50.00. 262 Sara Ave.	\$2000.00
Bld. Keith Eaker. \$375.18 1196 Holliday Drive	\$30,072.99
Deck. Susan O'Connor \$50.00 2135 Harding Hwy. W	\$2300.00
Sign. Optic +Sonic Drive thru \$200.00 185 McMahan Blvd.	\$3007.00
Cell tower. AT+T. Update. 1206 Likens Chapel Rd \$1037.50	\$15,000.00
\$1762.68 Total this Report	

### **Road Department**

- Cleaned salt from trucks
- Cleaned catch basins
- Painted ceiling tile in Bldg. #1 & #2
- Patched holes
- Cut up trees (high winds)
- Repaired blowouts on Cascade Dr.
- Mowed twice
- Repaired yards
- Snaked tiles (Chapel Heights -3) – (Colorado Ave. -1) – (Dennis -1)
- Stoned in drive at Phillip Dreyer Cemetery
- Drainage on Chapel Heights –cut tree out-
- Rebuilt catch basin on Westminster
- Put cap on catch basin – heat bolts to repair – (Kibbey Dr.)
- Clean up weeds & tires Main St. and Copeland (12 tires) (Not completed)

### **Fire Department**

The fire department is handling the COVID-19 outbreak very well. No issues and they have transported approximately 50 presumed cases.

PPE is holding up and EMA is continually receiving shipments from the state.

Medic 304 has some mechanical issues and the parts were ordered. Parts will not be in until July and should be covered under warranty.

Chief requested purchasing an additional power cot for the department. Cost is \$16,105.60. This would allow the department to have three total squads in service if needed. In addition, if a current cot breaks down, it would maintain our current service. There is a chance but no guarantee this could be covered under the FEMA COVID-19 grants.

Engine 313 has some engine issues as well and will be going to shop next week.

Chief contacted Vector Security over the cost of installing key fob door locks at all locations including Township Hall. I will have a better estimate next meeting to present. The department has received two checks for the COVID-19 relief. One was a check from BWC and another from State for EMS billing.

There are some grants out there and we will be filing for the grants as soon as we meet the requirements. The department should not have an issue meeting the minimum expense requirements. (3,300.00).

Levy passed with little voter turnout but with high margarine.

Michelle has returned to working in the office. The staff is practicing social distancing.

Chris Schlecht fixed the gutter to building two and replaced the missing down spouts. Thank you to Chris.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCleary seconded the motion and roll call was as follows: Mr. Ballinger, yes; Mr. Thomas, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

_____	Mr. Lynn Thomas, 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.