

January 6, 2015

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

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

**EMPLOYEES:** Larry Brown, Chief Taylor, Doug Reinschell, Ben Meddles, Matt Wollett

**GUESTS:** Bryan McCleary, Ted Frericks, Brent Yager, Doug Ebert, Lynn Birdsong

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

Mr. Clabaugh moved to approve the December 16 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion approved. Ms. McCleary moved to approve the payroll minutes from December 16, 2014 and December 31, 2014; and the year end meeting minutes from December 31, 2014. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The only correspondence received was from PUCO regarding the township's upcoming pending expiration of our PUCO certification. This expires on 02-08-15 and Mr. Rasmussen will have a resolution at the next meeting for this renewal of our gas aggregation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Yager, Mr. Ebert and Mr. Frericks were in attendance to discuss the upcoming fire levy. Mr. Yager distributed a letter from the Ohio Department of Taxation stating that the township needs to create a "fire district". According to a letter received from the Ohio Department of Taxation which quotes R.C. 5705.01(A); Ohio Atty. Gen. Op. No. 2012-014, "once created, a fire district is a separate taxing subdivision, able to seek levies from only the residents of the territory in which the fire district exists." Mr. Yager informed the Board that at the next township meeting on January 20, Mr. Ebert will provide a resolution for the Board to vote on.

No new information was presented regarding Verizon cell towers.

Mr. Brown reported that Doug Ebert is talking to Judge Finnegan about the vacant properties in the Oak Knoll subdivision.

Ms. Perin reported she has no new information on the Comfort Inn and their lodging excise tax.

Mr. Rasmussen presented a recap of 2014 funds which included revenue and expenses for all funds. This included almost \$75,000 in retirement payouts. He also presented a 2015 recap of funds. Mr. Rasmussen made a motion to accept the temporary budget figures as presented. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Taylor reported that someone from the Auditor's office will be in attendance at the January 20 board meeting with the information on the fire levy.

Chief Taylor also announced that, with the Board's approval, he is recommending the hiring of Chad Swank and Jeff Gallant. Mr. Swank's effective date for hire is January 16 and Mr. Gallant's is January 17. Mr. Clabaugh made a motion recommending the hiring of Chad Swank effective January 16. Mr. Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Clabaugh made a motion recommending the hiring of Jeff Gallant effective January 17. Mr. Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Road Department**

Mr. Brown reported on the following:

- All snow trucks are repaired and ready for snow removal.
- Visit to Oak Knoll with health department
- 1026 Drexel Ave isn't draining properly and there is a sewer smell in the existing drop on the north side of Drexel Ave., west of the 10 inch tile in the road tile, which is a separate drop.
- Met Sandy Bridenstine from the Health Department on December 23 at the Drexel Ave. site and all township tiles are running.
- Two replacement overhead doors were ordered for building # 3.

#### **Zoning Report**

No zoning activity to report.

#### **Fire Department**

Chief Taylor introduced Doug Reinschell to the Board as the new Lieutenant replacing Ron Jewell.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Rasmussen to adjourn. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion and roll call was as follows: Mr. Rasmussen, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Clabaugh, yes. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

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Mr. Richard Rasmussen, Chairman

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Ms. Karen McCleary, Vice-Chairman

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Mr. Lynn Clabaugh, Trustee

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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.