

December 19, 2017

The Board of Trustees of Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio met in its regular meeting. Mr. Ballinger called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 (excused), Ben Bowdre, Jeff Gallant, Rich Kelly, John Wollett, Brian Thomas

**GUESTS:** Lynn Thomas, Harry Burdick

Ms. McCleary made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the December 5, 2017 meeting. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The fiscal officer reported about the decrease in cable franchise fees for 2017. She contacted Charter Communications and inquired as to why the franchise fees were lower than usual and upon investigation from Charter it was found that the township revenues were sent to Findlay Ohio's Marion Township in error. Charter Communications will be sending our township approximately \$74,000 in revenue before the end of the year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Health insurance update – Chief Meddles reported that Dave Ewonce received communication from Paul Lafayette approving the township signing the contract with JHP. The fiscal officer signed the contract along with Chairman, Larry Ballinger, and Ms. Perin will send Dave Ewonce the signed copy.

Fire Department Equipment Purchase – Chief Meddles reported that the township fire department was the successful bidder for a 1994 Freightliner Model FL 70 from Upper Sandusky Fire Dept. The bid was for \$18,480.00. In attendance tonight is Mr. Harry Burdick who presented a check for the purchase of the Freightliner for \$5,000. The township would like to thank Mr. Burdick for his generous donation towards the purchase of this truck.

Township and fire records – Chief needs to obtain a double lock since EMS records need to be double locked. He is working on getting all of the records secured at the fire department admin building.

Real estate property update – no new updates.

Levy discussion – Nothing new to report

Ms. McCleary provided an update on the medical marijuana issue. She reported that cultivation licenses are being processed now. She also reported that on the November 2018 ballot, they want to put recreational use and limited home grow on the ballot.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget review – Preliminary budget figures were reviewed. Ms. Perin will put the figures together and they will once again be reviewed and hopefully adopted at the township year-end meeting which will be held on December 29.

Ms. Perin is recommending a lump match deposit for the HSA accounts. She explained the difficulty in trying to match the funds on a payroll-by-payroll period. Chief Meddles will

discuss this with the CBA and see if they approve of the lump sum deposit being done in April after the tax monies are collected.

Mr. Brown presented the following resolution for potential 2018 OPWC funding programs.

**MARION TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION  
No. 2017-1219**

**IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF MARION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S).**

It was moved by Mr. Clabaugh, seconded by Ms. McCleary, to authorize the board of Marion Township Trustees to enter into contracts with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the purpose of participating in state capital improvements and/or local transportation improvement programs:

**WHEREAS**, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure and

**WHEREAS**, Marion Township is planning to make or perform several capital improvement projects, and

**WHEREAS**, these infrastructure improvements are considered to be priority needs for the community and are qualified projects under the OPWC programs

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Marion Township Trustees be hereby authorized to enter into contract, on behalf of the board, with the OPWC for funding as described above.

Roll call as follows: Mr. Ballinger, yes; Ms. McCleary, yes; Mr. Clabaugh, yes.

Whereupon the resolution was declared adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_, Sheila J. Perin, Fiscal Officer  
Attest

**Zoning Report**

**ZONING ACTIVITY:**

Nuisance notifications:

Deborah J. Warwick 2477 Mercer Dr. Marion, Ohio (1) junk motor vehicle removed

**PERMITS ISSUED.**

Todd Sherer 1503 Harding Hwy E	Fence	\$ 25
RNR Tire 1379 Harding Hwy E	Commercial	\$1,025
Lind Signs US23	Billboard	150

**Road Department Report**

Belmont Ave. Drainage Project extended until April 30, 2018, to allow for finish grading and seeding from Keener Ave to the Colonial Ave Swale.

Issue One grant and loan resolution due January 12, 2018. Letter of certifications for Township match for interest free loan for road paving of 35 Township roads is also due January 12, 2018. Both the grant and loan need final Trustee approval when offered by the Ohio Public Works Commission in 2018.

TAP grant being researched from the ODOT central office in Columbus for restructuring the Colonial Ave Swale. 11 million dollars in pool for TAP grants in 2018, which take four months to apply. Rural townships and counties allow applying.

Inventory completed for administrative building and road Department for 2018.

**Fire Department Report**

Chief presented enrollment form for board to sign. This enters into agreement with JHP for the 2018 year for health insurance. Paul La Fayette looked over and advised ok to sign. Has an addendum to add but advised to hold off until told to sign. Still in talks with JHP.

Fire department purchased used rescue to replace old Rescue 330 (beer truck). Firefighters will be working on transferring equipment. Cost of purchase \$18,480.00. Harry Burdick would like to speak on this purchase.

Contract to use Ohio Health Occupational Department for drug testing. Cost to administer plan \$160.00 yearly and \$35.00 per test. Presented board the agreement. Chief urges the random plan to include all personnel from Marion Township that receive compensation including Road Department, Trustees and Zoning. This should satisfy Ohio BWC.

Peter advised the offer of settlement has been sent to Marion City. Nothing to report at this time. Chief presented new fee schedule for Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, and LLC. Also a resolution accepting those terms.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

Mr. Clabaugh made a motion to adjourn out of regular session and enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Ms. McCleary seconded the motion. The board adjourned into executive session at 7:05 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 7:20 pm.

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 7:22 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Larry Ballinger, Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Karen McCleary, Vice-Chairman

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Mr. Lynn Clabugh, 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.