

The Margareta Township Trustees met on April 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM

Present were Mr. Bias, Mr. Pooch and Mr. Riesterer. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 17, 2022, as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign the warrants and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Gary Smith, Township Resident:

Mr. Smith was present as an observer.

Bruce Martin, Township Resident:

Mr. Martin raised concerns over speeding on Parker Road. The Trustees acknowledged there is an issue and will contact Sheriff Sigsworth for additional patrols. Mr. Martin indicated that the most noticeable times have been between 6:00-7:30 AM.

Chris Kane, Assured Partners:

Mrs. Kane reported that Paramount Insurance Company has issued a renewal for Margareta Township healthcare coverage. Paramount filed for a MEWA with the Ohio Department of Insurance which they were granted. This allows Margareta Township to be included in a preferred group rating. There will be a 5.34% increase in premiums effective May 1, 2022. Mrs. Kane reviewed Paramount's rate comparison and discussed seeking quotes from other companies. She also discussed the use of the First Health Network to expand the list of providers for Paramount. After discussion with the Trustees, Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to renew the Township healthcare plan with Paramount effective May 1, 2022 accepting the 5.34% rate increase in premium to \$16,042.75/month. Vote: all ayes. Mrs. Kane also requested to have the Form Fire completed by all Township employees by April 29, 2022.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented Resolution 2022-06: A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Program. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias, to approve Resolution 2022-06. Roll call vote: Mr. Bias – yes, Mr. Riesterer – yes, Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Neill discussed the seal coat project for Maple Ave. The product is very similar to the material put on Vickery Road. Mr. Neill met with Chris Schaffer from Erie Blacktop for a quote and discussion on the materials to be used. Erie Blacktop provided a quote of \$49,985.00 for the project which include Maple Avenue from Bardwell to Parker and from the bridge to Mason Road. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias, to approve the seal coat project on Maple Avenue at a cost of \$49,985.00. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the quote from Strasser to Micro-Surface Village Hill Estates at a cost of \$22,600.80. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer, to amend the previous motion and accept the quote of \$22,600.80 from Strasser to Micro-Surface Village Hill Estates. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill announced that the Township's Recycle Day will be held on 6/11/2022. Mr. Neill will secure a contract with Liberty Tire and Recycling.

Mr. Neill reported that the chain link fence and guardrail at the cemetery have been removed. That area will be level and seeded.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer met with Sue Brown from the Erie County Prosecutor's Office regarding property maintenance violations on the John Smarsh property in Whites Landing. Mr. Schaeffer also discussed the denial of a zoning permit for a new building on the Smarsh property.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Ms. Brown will be drafting a resolution on an updated property maintenance code.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed a request to vacate a right of way in Bay Bridge. Mr. Riesterer will contact Tim King at Regional Planning for further action.

Mr. Schaeffer further discussed a Township resident that currently is operating a 'backyard campground' on Old Railroad. He will provide additional information at a future meeting.

Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Fire Department:

Chief Johnson reported that the suspension airbag repairs have been completed by Ohio Diesel.

Chief Johnson discussed the need to replace the mobile link communication device at the WGGN tower. The cost will be \$250.00

Chief Johnson reported that the SCBA Grant looks very favorable and we should hear the outcome in the very near future.

Board Items:

Mr. Riesterer discussed the USDA Grant that will be awarded to Routh Packing to assist with upgrades at the plant. Mr. Riesterer will author a letter offering the support of the Township Trustees indicating the positive affects this will have on the Township.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM



Gary Pooch, Chairman



Robert Day, Fiscal Officer