

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

The Margareta Township Trustees met on February 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2023 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

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

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

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell Inquired about different aspects of the webpage for the Township. He also asked about the large ice patch at the underpass of Miller Road. He was informed that the Road Department will address it.

Mr. Cockrell as about the procedures of the Fire Department to handle a fire to a lithium battery. He was informed by Chief Johnson that the Fire Department follows procedures established by the State Fire Marshall which is basically to let it burn out.

Board Items:

Mr. Pooch reported that the permit for lighting at Sand Hill Cemetery and the Veterans Memorial in Castalia have been approved. Fresch Electric will handle the installation.

Mr. Day discussed adding replacement cost to the insurance coverage of the two ambulances, the pumper, and the tanker truck. The total cost is approximately \$5,200. The Trustees elected to only put replacement cost on the two ambulances at a cost of approximately \$1,300.

Mr. Bias discussed the union negotiations with the Fire Department. Mr. Riesterer developed language regarding the Kelly Days. The Union raised concerns with a portion of the language presented by Mr. Riesterer. The Board agreed to eliminate item 4 from the agreement. The Board will finalize the agreed items for the new union contract with the Fire Department employees.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported that the new Code Enforcement Officer, Katie Maloney, has received her computer and printer. He will begin working with Katie to identify those areas of the Township that need to be addressed.

Mr. Schaeffer announced her will change the hours of the Zoning Office to Thursdays from 4-6 PM and on an as needed basis.

Mr. Schaeffer and Chief Johnson discussed the zoning and fire issues with The Oaks and the Down on the Farm property. They will continue to monitor.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin presented pricing for mower replacement for two Ferris 700 series mowers with a 52" deck. The Township will once again trade two mowers in to Bill's Implement at a cost of \$17,398 less the trade-in of \$8,300. The Township will also receive a discount of \$800 reducing the final cost to \$8,298 for two new mowers. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the trade/purchase of two new Ferris 700 series mowers from Bill's Implement along with the trade of two existing mowers at a cost of \$8,298. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin also presented a quote for a Toro 30" walk-behind mower from Bill's Implement for \$1,549. He requested to replace the existing walk-behind mower. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase of the Toro 30" walk behind mower at a cost of \$1,549. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin presented Resolution 2023-04: A resolution designating 'No Engine Brake' areas on St Rt 101 within the Township. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the certification and approve Resolution 2023-04. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Biglin presented Resolution 2023-05: A resolution approving the Sandhill Cemetery Association agreement with Margaretta Township. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the certification and approve Resolution 2023-05. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Biglin discussed the proposed pricing adjustments for Castalia Cemetery which includes an increase for Saturday services and the pricing of crypts. The pricing schedule will be reviewed at a later meeting.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2023-06: a resolution to vacate a portion/right of way of Sandusky Avenue in Bay Bridge. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the certification and approve Resolution 2023-06. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:


Chief Johnson reported MT#121 was repaired. The pump repairs were the result of assisting on the Turnpike mishap in 2022.

Chief Johnson reminded all of the Drug Free Workplace training on February 13th and 16th.

Chief Johnson requested to purchase an electric pressure washer/reel for use at the fire station. He indicated the Fire Association will contribute \$1,000 of the purchase. Chief Johnson will seek pricing.

Chief Johnson requested to allow Firefighter Robert Maschari to attend a training in Indianapolis for FDIC Truck & Nozzle. The cost is \$956.00. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the cost of the training for Robert Maschari. Vote: all ayes.

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


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer