

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on March 3, 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 February 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 (20283-20303) 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

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented the Road Inventory & Maintenance Program for 2022. This will also be provided to the Erie County Engineer. He also discussed potentially using Reclamite and/or seal coat on various roads in the township. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the Road Inventory & Maintenance Program for submission to the Erie County Engineer at a cost of \$40,695. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill reported that the cost of putting Reclamite on Miller Road, Heywood Road, and Herr Road would cost \$23,986.20. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the Reclamite project on all three road at a cost of \$23,986.20 with Pavement Technologies. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill reported that Old Railroad north of Bogart Road was not approved for Issue II funding. The Township will consider performing the work by the Road Department.

Mr. Neill discussed the Road Department assisting Hank Kleinoeder with moving dirt from the lot on Maple Avenue where to old water tower was to cover the tile along the ditch further north on Maple Avenue.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported the 2022 rates from Gysan Lawn Care. They are \$95/hour for mowing and \$135/hour for bush hog work.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the parking lot at Ohio Diesel. All proper permits have been obtained.

Mr. Schaeffer informed the Trustees of the various options presented to John Smarsh for cleaning up his properties in Whites Landing. He will seek the assistance of Sue Brown from the Erie County Prosecutor's Office.

Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Fire Department:

Chief Johnson reported that MT#112 and MT#111 are out to Fallsway for the 6-month inspection.

Chief Johnson discussed the need for replacement of the batteries on two life-packs and two batteries on the Lucas device at a cost of \$2,139.20. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the purchase of the batteries.

Chief Johnson reported that the Fire Department will not pursue the purchase of a fire extinguisher training demo for training. The cost of the equipment is \$24,000.00. They will seek grants for the purchase of a Drag Dummy at a cost of \$4,000.

Chief Johnson discussed possibly purchasing a new tanker adapter that would be uniform with other departments in the area.

Chief Johnson requested an increase in pay for the part-time firefighters and medics based on years of service/qualifications. The new rates of pay will be \$18.00/\$16.00/\$14.00 as determined by the Chief. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the pay increase effective with the pay period beginning 3/12/2022. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson discussed the fourth man slot for the period of 6/1/2022 thru 9/1/2022. The Trustees recommended that Chief Johnson pursue paid on-call firefighters only. The Trustees agreed to discuss further at future meetings.

Board Items:

Mr. Bias presented a vacation request for Keith Killingsworth (72 hours). Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation request. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer presented the Buckeye Telesystem contract renewal. This is for a three-year period. The proposed cost is \$480.13/month. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the three-year contract with Telesystem. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias provided an update on the Lions Park bathroom project. The project should be completed by early spring.

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