

The Margarett Township Trustees met in regular session on July 23, 2015 at 7 pm.

Present were Mr. Bias and Mr. Pooch.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2015 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Lindsley. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve and sign warrants #14387-14424 and direct deposits that were presented for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes.

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

The meeting opened with Chief Johnson's report.

He said the damage to the squad would be \$750 but that has been forwarded to the court for payment. Chief also discussed a UL compliance issue at Otto's. A 30 day verbal request to comply has been issued. If Otto's isn't in compliance by August 16, 2015, they will be shut down.

Ladder testing will cost the township \$313.25 for the annual inspection of all ladders.

The pump testing on all 3 pumps will be \$150/each. The company provides certification upon completion.

The generator maintenance program was discussed. Two quotes have been secured for \$4275 and \$4140. It was decided to look into a replacement program rather than going forward with the maintenance program at this time.

Chief Johnson also reported that 3 UPS have been ordered.

After a discussion of the 'I am Responding System', Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to participate in the 5 year plan which costs \$3087 upfront, but nets a savings of \$1000. Vote: all ayes.

After investigation, Chief Johnson found the Erie County mutual aid agreement currently in place is dated September 1, 1981. It's in the process of being updated by the county's law department and then our Prosecutor will review before participants sign it.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation requests for Mike Jesberger for Oct 18, 20 & 22, 2015, Dan Minor for August 22, 24, & 26, 2015 and for Rob Street for October 24, 2015. Vote: all ayes.

There was a discussion on our existing phone system. We now have two phones that are inoperable. Buckeye Cable has provided an estimate of \$3411 for the configuration and installation of a new system which would provide 10 phones, a polycom power adapter, 24 port system, sonic wall, end point and ringers. We are currently paying \$184.12 per month. Without an attendant, the new system would cost an additional \$126 per month. It includes a 3 yr unlimited warranty. Buckeye had estimated a 4-6 week turn around for the install. It was decided to table until August 6, 2015. In the meantime Chief Johnson will set up a meeting with the vendor for the Trustees and department heads.

The permit for the casting garden is complete.

Chief Johnson asked if we had received a payment of \$618 from Bay View for their portion of the antennae work at the tower. He was advised to speak with the Fiscal Officer.

The payroll for part time fire fighters was discussed. The trustees agree that they should receive their regular wages when doing extra time. There was also a discussion on the hiring of additional part time employees. Chief will check on wages within our area to determine if we're comparable.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to grant Chief Johnson a vacation day on July 31, 2015. Vote: all ayes.

Our radios were discussed with information provided from Charlie R's. To replace all radios, it would cost \$38,407 which would include radios for truck, mobiles, noise filters and cabling. This doesn't include installation, but we'll do about 95% ourselves. Charlie R would charge \$150 for his piece of the installation. This quote is for an analog/digital system and is state bid pricing. If we don't replace all the radios, we need 8 portable radios immediately, 3 speaker mikes, 4 spare batteries with bank charger and yagi antennae at a cost of \$6706.80.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to purchase the 8 portable radios, 3 speaker mikes, 4 spare batteries with bank charge and yagi antennae at a cost not to exceed \$7000 from Charlie R Communications. Vote: all ayes.

Zoning report: Grass violations were discussed.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the resignation of Assistant Zoning Inspector Mary Beckstein effective 7/21/2015. Vote: all ayes.

The Trustees asked Dean Gasser to accept the responsibility of technology coordinator for the township. Mr. Gasser accepted this position.

Mr. Jim Neill gave a Road/Cemetery Report.

Several Road Dept. issues were discussed:

The sinkhole questions from the Sandusky Register were discussed. No action necessary since these were on private property.

Mr. Neill report that Oxford's crack sealing is done and the crews started Margaretta this week.

The Alspaugh, Ridgewood, Laurel & Susan micro sealing will be started on July 30 & 31, 2015.

Notifications will be going out to the homeowners there.

Neil Hemminger asked to be added to the next meeting's agenda at 7 p.m.

Issue II projects were discussed. D allotment and Winkel subdivision will be on the next round with Maple Ave between Bogart and SR 101 to follow.

Update on Jim's accident- no restrictions.

Mr. Pooch will speak with the sheriff in regards to inmates cleaning up roadsides.

One of the John Deere mowers will be traded next year.

New ODOT contact information was provided to Mr. Neill by Mr. Bias.

The road levy certification returned for the .5 mil replacement. It would be \$50,756 on a tax evaluation of \$101,525,160.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to pass Resolution 2015-08: to submit to the Board of Elections: a replacement .5 mil levy for the Road Fund commencing in 2015 and collectable for 5 years for the November 3rd 2015 election. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes, Mr. Riesterer – absent and Mr. Bias – yes

The large surplus auction was discussed.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to spend up to \$10,000 at the surplus auction by Baker and Bonningson at the Sandusky County fairgrounds for the purchase of a light tower and generator. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.