

APRIL 20, 2023

The Margareta Township Trustees met on April 20, 2023 at 2:00 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 April 6, 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

Jordan Gibson, Township Resident:

Mr. Gibson raised concerns over a shooting range on a private drive of a St Rt 269 south of Castalia. The owner of the property is Greg Hall and he is hosting concealed carry classed at the property at time up to 8 hours per day. Mr. Gibson noted the noise and safety concerns every day and increased traffic on the weekends. He questioned whether or not Mr. Hall can run a business on private property that is zoned residential. Mr. Gibson provided a log of dates/groups shooting at the range. The Trustees accepted the documentation and referred the matter to Zoning Inspector Chris Schaeffer.

Barbara Weyer, Township Resident:

Mrs. Weyer was present as an observer to see the results of the Zoning Board meeting regarding the request for rezoning of her property at 5912 Deyo Road. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the request for a zoning change from C-1 to A-1 for Parcel #33-00484-000 as recommended by the Margareta Township Zoning Board. Vote: all ayes.

George Gast, Township Resident:

Mr. Gast questioned the number of items that he is permitted to place on cemetery plots that he owns. Mr. Biglin and Mr. Riesterer explained the parameters for the cemetery and requested Mr. Gast comply.

Laura Wilbur, Republic Waste:

Ms. Wilbur attended at the request of the Trustees to review the contract for recycling services that was signed in 2019. She reviewed the contract and discussed the basis for pricing increases. Ms. Wilbur also explained the basis for contamination charges. She will provide a copy of the current contract.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson discussed current staffing concerns and will attempt to recruit additional employees. Chief Johnson requested a work session with Trustees to discuss upcoming levies and funding.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin discussed purchasing a large vase for the entrance to the cemetery at a cost of no more than \$500. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase from Miller's Landscaping in Norwalk at a cost not to exceed \$500. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin presented information from Jerod Smith, City of Sandusky Road Department, on a 'brine system' that would accompany the road salt. Mr. Biglin will provide further information and pricing at a future meeting.

Mr. Biglin reported that the Memorial Day Program is set and Brenda Ried will serve as the coordinator.

Board Items:

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation request for Terri Meyer (8 hours).
Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer presented information on the increase in healthcare costs. The potential increase in monthly premiums is over 40% more than the current rates. The Trustees determined that additional information is needed and a conference with Chris Kane from Assured Partners is necessary. Mr. Riesterer requested to continue the current meeting until 1:00 PM on Thursday April 27, 2023 to allow for the Union and other employees to review the proposed changes.

The meeting scheduled on April 20, 2023 was continued and reconvened on Thursday April 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

Mr. Riesterer discussed various options presented by Assured Partners and provided the documents to the Union and Road Department for their review. The Union and employees are to provide their input prior to the May 11, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer