

January 18, 2024

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on December 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2024 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2024 Organizational Meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

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

Mr. Cullen 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 as whether the paving project on Old Railroad schedule for the summer of 2024 will be a total reconstruction or an overlay. He was informed by Mr. Biglin that it would be an overlay. Mr. Biglin informed Mr. Cockrell that the ditch on Mason Road was an Erie County project. Mr. Bias responded to questions Mr. Cockrell had regarding the hiring practices for the Fire Chief position.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed zoning concerns at Village Hill Estates that were raised by attorney Richard Gillium.

Mr. Schaeffer reported on the meeting with John Zimmerman (Erie County Building Inspector), Fire Chief Johnson and Fire Chief Jett regarding zoning issues with the Oaks, Millsite, and Castalia Farms properties. Mr. Schaeffer referred the matter to Erie County Asst. Prosecutor Charles Bennett. He will keep the Board updated on the situation.

Bob Biglin: Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin presented the annual cemetery report with comparisons to 2022 and prior.

Mr. Biglin reviewed the Wreaths Across America status for 2024. He reported that the Township is ahead of collections when compared to this time in 2023.

Mr. Biglin reported that Kelly Ried will has been coordinating with Claire Regan (Sterling PC Maintenance) to continue the updating of the Township's website.

Mr. Biglin discussed the needed repairs for the road paving machine. He will coordinate with Erie Blacktop to see if they have retained any spare parts.

Mr. Biglin provided an update on the water/sewer line project at Lions Park. He will continue to work with Speer Brothers for the use of equipment.

Thomas Johnson/Kerry Jett, Fire Chiefs:

Chief Johnson requested funds to cover the cost of Firefighter Justin Galloway attending a Fire Inspector School at a cost of \$750.00. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve Mr. Galloway attending the Fire Inspector School at a cost of \$750.00. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson requested a work session with the Trustees to be held on 2/6/24 at 10:00 AM.

Chief Johnson reported that he, Chief Jett, and Fiscal Officer Bob Day will meet with MediCount to review the Township's EMS billing process.

Board Items:


Mr. Day discussed the status of the Union negotiations with the Fire Department. He has requested a meeting with Ryan Lemmerbrock who is the legal representative for the union.

Mr. Day discussed the financing options for the new squad. He has been in discussions with Republic First National Bank and Civista Bank. He will keep the Board apprised as the delivery of the new squad approaches.

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer