

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on May 6, 2021 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. Pooch to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

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

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

Board Action:

Board Items: Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch, to not dispute the liquor permit renewals as presented by the Department of Commerce in correspondence dated April 20, 2021. Vote: all ayes

The Natural Hazard Mitigation plan was briefly discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Potential stimulus or covid money was briefly discussed, but nothing has been received to date.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the vacation time request of May 22, May 31, June 18, 20, 22, 27 and 29 consisting of 168 hours for Assistant Chief Strayer. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the vacation time request of July 24th, 2021, 24 hours for Robert Street. Vote: all ayes

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer presented a contract with Gysan Lawn Mowing Service for delinquent mowing. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to contract Gysan Lawn Mowing Service at the rate of \$95 per hour for the mower and \$125 per hour for the brush hog for 2021 mowing of delinquent properties. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Schaeffer also reported:

- Dollar General is in the plan review stage
- A hearing will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 with Bill Coburn regarding his property rezoning.
- Mr. Schaeffer checked on the property at Parker & Deyo Roads regarding a camper parked on that property. No issues found.
- Mr. Schaeffer also investigated an anonymous call at Crystal Rock regarding a building project, but no issues were found.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented the ODOT purchasing program contract. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer, authorizing the participation in the ODOT purchasing program, Resolution 2021-04, WHEREAS, Section 5513.01 (B) provides the opportunity for Counties, Townships, Municipal Corporations, Conservancy Districts, Township Park Districts and Park Districts created under Chapter 1545 of the Revised Code, Port Authorities, Regional Transit Authorities, Regional Airport Authorities, Regional Water and Sewer Districts, County Transit Boards, State Universities or Colleges to participate in contracts of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of machinery, material, supplies or other articles. Roll call: all ayes

Mr. Neill presented an invoice from Power Green Pressure Washing in the amount of \$399.00. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to reimburse Larry Velliquette for driveway washing and sealing in the amount of \$399; Vote: all ayes

Mr. Neill reported the backhoe is on order with a delivery date of mid-July.

Mr. Neill reported the reclamite work has been delayed until the week of May 10, 2021.

Memorial Day was briefly discussed with a meeting scheduled for final planning the week of May 10, 2021.

Mr. Neill reported that bids have been received for the cemetery water line project with R. A. Bores coming in with the lowest bid of \$9215. (Speers \$12,000, Mid-Ohio \$9500) The boring of this 1500' of water line at the Castalia Cemetery will fix the existing leak, go by the scattering garden and back up to the Horseshoe section, placing valves. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to contract with R. A. Bores at a cost of \$9215 for boring 1500' of water line for the next phase of the cemetery water line. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Neill also reported that Dave Williams completed the surveying behind the Ruthsatz and Brown properties. The Road Department is placing posts where the pins are located and Mr. Neill will investigate recording the surveying report.

The removal of the existing fence and guardrail was discussed. Mr. Neill will provide pricing for new fencing to be placed between the Castalia Cemetery and the Ruthsatz property. The old fence will be removed but the guardrail will remain for now.

Barnes Nursery will provide estimates for 5 landscape projects at the Castalia Cemetery to be completed in phases over a 3–5-year period consisting of a barrier between the Pfeil property and the salt barn, a barrier between the cemetery and the recycling bins, removal of the large shrubs in the Old/New section, planting of trees in the Old/New, planting of trees in the South section, and planting of trees southwest of the mausoleum.

Recycling Day was discussed. Mr. Neill is working with Liberty Tire on their contract and Galloway's have been secured. Mr. Biglin has secured the football team to assist.

Mr. Neill also reported the summer help is starting to return with varying start dates.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief & Dan Strayer, Asst. Fire Chief:

Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Strayer presented his resignation as full-time Assistant Chief effective June 29th. Mr. Strayer expressed his desire to stay on part time as needed. The board congratulated him on his new position and thanked Mr. Strayer for his 21 years of service to Margaretta Township.

Mr. Riesterer moved, Mr. Pooch seconded, to accept the resignation of Assistant Chief Strayer effective June 29, 2021 as a full-time member of the Margaretta Fire Department. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson presented information regarding the purchase of a new gear extractor. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to purchase a Fireman's Turnout Gear Washer from Advantage Equip of Akron, Ohio at a cost of \$9243. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson reported that both squads are back although 122 is still out for maintenance. So far, \$21,000 has been spent on the maintenance of 3 Fire Department vehicles.

Mr. Street provided the contract to purchase a new squad from Penn Care of Niles, OH with a potential delivery date of 18 months out. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to purchase a Braun Super Chief in the Freightliner N2 dealer at a cost of \$346,317 from Penn Care, Inc., Niles, OH with an earliest delivery date of 2022. Vote: all ayes

The Townsend Township fire at the Keegan facility was discussed. Chief Johnson reported \$1965 was spent on equipment lost. He will put together a complete report for the next meeting including materials, labor and fuel spent assisting.

The RFQ (request for quote) from Ed McCall was presented to the Trustees for their review. They requested the paperwork be complete and ready for review at the first meeting in June.

Chief Johnson reported there have been no bids received for the skid unit.

Chief Johnson reported that ODOT has notified the township there will be a project at SR 101 & 2 in the June/July timeframe that will take traffic down to one lane.

Park Board:

The County Commission bids were returned for the proposed bathroom project at Lions' Park with the lowest bid returned of \$108,617. Since all the bids exceeded the 10% cap of the projected \$90,000 project, it must be rebid and all bids rejected. Mr. Pooch will explore ways to reduce the overall cost and redesign before proceeding.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Joe Bias, Chairman

Robert Day, Fiscal Office