

March 6, 2025

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on March 6, 2025 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. Bias to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2025 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias 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. Bias to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Kelly Ried, Cemetery/ Wreaths Across America:

Mrs. Ried reported that Wreaths Across America is fully funded for 2025 and 2/3 funded for 2026. She also reported that a member of the Herman Gant family will be one of the presenters this year.

Mrs. Ried reported that Adam Weeks from Great Lakes Computer Services installed the back-up process and it is now running successfully. She also indicated that the wireless bridge for WiFi from the cemetery to the shop will be installed.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin provided the final cost of the Village Hill Estates Drainage Project. He will present the final cost figures to the County for possible assistance with grant funding. The original cost was \$109,100.50 and there was a supplemental bill for additional rock work that cost \$37,682.50

Mr. Biglin presented the agreement with Erie County Soil & Water Conservation to oversee/assist with the storm water issues in the Township. The agreement is for a five year period with a cost of \$10,500 (2025 & 2026), \$11,000 (2027 & 2028) and \$11,500 for 2029. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to enter into the agreement for the five year period at the specified costs. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin reported that he will apply for grants through ODOT for signage. He will apply as a group with the Village of Castalia.

Mr. Biglin will also apply for grants through Erie County Solid Waste for recycled material items (i.e. benches, trash cans, playground equipment, decking, etc...).

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to declare the roller used by the Road Department as surplus and sell via sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$2,000. The bids will be opened at the 5/1/25 meeting.

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to declare MT#20 (2002 Crew Cab Pick-Up) used by the Road Department as surplus and sell via sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$5,000. The bids will be opened at the 5/1/25 meeting.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the trade-in/purchase of 3 mowers for the cemetery from Bill's Implement. The new purchases will be a Ferris zero turn with a 60" deck (\$8,999), and two Ferris zero turn with 52" decks (\$8,799 each). After trade values of \$4,100 for two of the mowers and \$3,200 for the third trade-in, the purchase price will be \$15,197. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin reported that on 4/7 to 4/11 there will be a large transformer hauled on Old Railroad (from the shipping yard) down Bogart Road to Route 4 to the Ohio Edison sub-station on Fox Road/Patten Tract Road. The overall length is 110 ft. It is 13 ft wide and 18 ft high. The weight is approximately 592,000 lbs.

Mr. Cullen reported on the rock crusher to assist with the excess stone at the Village Hill Drainage Project. It is recommended to wait until spring. The issue will be discussed at a later date.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Pooch reported that Erie Regional Planning has approved the plans for the Eagles Nest PUD in Bay Bridge.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett requested to hire Tim Kelly as a part-time firefighter/EMT. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to hire Tim Kelly pending submission of necessary paperwork. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett requested to replace the three mattress upstairs in the bunk room at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the purchase. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett reported that he will seek grants to assist with the cost of replacing Life Packs which will cost approximately \$55,000-\$60,000 each.

Board Items:

Mr. Bias reminded all of the ETCA Quarterly Meeting to be held in Florence Township on Thursday 3/13 at 7:00 PM. He also indicated that Margaretta Township is hosting the Christmas meeting this year and will present ideas at a future meeting.


Mr. Day reported that all employees enrolled in the healthcare plan need to complete their Form Fire information.

Mr. Day discussed the ongoing audit with the Auditor of State. It is near completion and an exit meeting will be scheduled soon.

Mr. Bias presented a quote from JP Builders to repair the dugouts at the park. The quote was for \$3,925 and JP Builders is willing to waive \$1,000 of the cost if the Township permits him to put up an advertising sign at the ball park. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to accept the quote and allow for the placement of signage. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer