

OCTOBER 15, 2020

**The Margareta Township Trustees met on October 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2020 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve and sign the warrants (19054 –19111) 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

**Board Items:**

Mr. Day presented the sealed bids for the sale of the 2013 John Deere 3320 4x4 Tractor. There were four bids timely submitted. Those bids included: Bert Dwelle (\$18,501.00); Jordan Kuns (\$15,100.00); David Colavincenzo (\$16,900.00); and Jennifer Koleno (\$19,810.00). Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed with the sale of the 2013 John Deere 3320 4x4 Tractor as all bids exceeded the minimum of \$15,000.00 established by the Board and accept the bid of \$19,810.00 from Jennifer Koleno. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Day will contact Ms. Koleno for receipt of payment and arrange delivery.

Mr. Riesterer discussed the Cares Act Funding including the announcement in the Sandusky Register of the Township's partnership with ECEDC for the Small Business Relief Grant to local businesses.

Brenda Ried and Kelly Ried, representing the Cemetery Department, presented items to be purchases with Cares Act Funding. Those items included: computers/laptops (to allow remote working); furniture; cleaning supplies; etc... Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to allow Brenda to proceed with the purchase of the Covid-19 related purchases. Vote: all ayes.

Fire Chief Johnson and Assistant Chief Strayer requested to purchase audio-visual equipment to allow for Zoom meetings so as to minimize the number of individuals at the Township Hall. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase of the Covid-19 related Zoom equipment at a price not to exceed \$1,000.00. Vote: all ayes.

Fire Chief Johnson recommended the hiring of Michael Clavette to a full time Firefighter position. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to hire Michael Clavette to a full time firefighter position effective 11/1/2020 with a 1-year probationary period, and it will be a Class B Medic. Vote: all ayes.

Firefighter Rob Street presented updated information on the grass fire truck. He will continue to work with Pegasus Trailers on the upgrades/installation.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance. Mr. Riesterer discussed the Scott Lauber issue of failure to timely build on McCartney Road.

**Chris Kane, Assured Partners:**

Mrs. Kane discussed the employee concerns with Paramount Insurance (medical) and Met Life (dental). It was noted that several employees have yet to submit their Deductible Credit Form. Department Heads will contact their staff to insure this form is submitted.



**Randy Whyde, Mayor – Castalia Village:**

Mayor Whyde presented a Thank You letter to the Township for their assistance in paving Barden and Brailey Streets. He expressed interest in possibly partnering again in the future.

**Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:**

Mr. Biglin reported that they are crack sealing on Heywood Road from St Rt 269 to Homegardner Road.

Mr. Biglin indicated that Glenn Szatla will be returning to work at ODOT.

Mr. Biglin discussed the fall yard waste drop off. New signs/banners are posted to identify what items go in each dumpster.

Mr. Biglin discussed the road salt pricing and the delivery/pick-up of salt this winter.

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

Chief Johnson discussed the upcoming levy and efforts to insure the Township residents are aware of it.

Chief Johnson reported on the Mitigation Plan meeting that he attended.

Chief Johnson requested to purchase a back-up camera system for the Tanker Truck to allow one person to handle this function and increase safety. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase.

Chief Johnson reported that Buckeye Broadband will now send electronic billing and review the possible refund of taxes paid on their billing as the Township is a tax-exempt organization.

Chief Johnson discussed the service maintenance contract. He will talk with Chris Bohn.

Chief Johnson discussed the possibility of hiring a EMT or a Firefighter only for future positions. He will provide further information at a future meeting.

Chief Johnson and Assistant Chief Strayer discussed a future purchase of a EMS Squad. There is currently a two-year wait. Chief Johnson will put together a committee to present alternatives at a future meeting.

Assistant Chief Strayer requested to purchase a Power Hose Roller with Cares Act Funding. He indicated a Power Hose Roller will allow one person to perform this function and minimize employee contact/interaction. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to utilize Care Act Funding to purchase a Power Hose Roller at a price not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed with Covid-19 related purchases/upgrades using Cares Act Funding as presented by the Fire Department/Park Department/Road & Cemetery Department. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Fiscal Officer