

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on January 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. Bias to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 16, 2021, as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign the warrants and EFTs (20129-20189) submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell offered his appreciation to Mr. Schaeffer for assistance in getting the camper moved from the southwest intersection of Parker and Billings Road.

Mr. Cockrell raised concerns over the corners of Parker Road and Laurel Drive, Maple Avenue and Miller Road, Miller Road and Bardshar Road, as well as the drain covers at the Miller Road underpass. Mr. Neill explained that the work will be completed in the spring.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill reported that the Road Department has completed the storm sewers on Maple Avenue south of Parker Road and will finish Heywood Road and Whites Landing in the spring.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Fire Department:

Chief Johnson submitted a training request for Rob Maschari to attend the FDIC Training in Indiana at a cost of \$1,230.00. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the training request for Mr. Maschari and waive the \$1,000 contractual limit, as Mr. Maschari will provide his own transportation and overnight accommodations. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson reported that 2021 was a record year as the Fire Department had 888 EMS calls.

Chief Johnson and Lt. Mike Jesberger presented information on the SCBA Grant and the Safer Grant. They will keep the Trustees apprised of the progress.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to accept a \$5,000.00 donation from the Knight Foundation to assist in covering the cost of ventilation prop for training. The Firefighters Association will cover the remaining costs. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson discussed the possible issues with 'lateral transfers' from one department to another. He will keep the Trustees informed if anything further develops on this topic.

Board Items:

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2022-01: A Resolution establishing Permanent Appropriations for the operations of Margareta Township for the calendar year of 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,968,305.06. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2022-01. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Riesterer – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Pooch discussed the streetlight in Maple Hills. Ohio Edison is backlogged with work and it will be addressed as soon as possible.

Mr. Pooch inquired as to whether we have been provided with an update on impending changes to the Township's insurance plan. Mr. Day will contact Chris Kane for any proposed changes.

Mr. Day discussed how current Cares Act Funds may be spent. The new guidelines allow for a more liberal interpretation of those items that the Cares Act Funds can purchase. Mr. Day will continue to monitor any changes.

Mr. Bias provided an update on the Lions Park bathroom project. Construction will be done prior to any ballgames in the spring.

Mr. Bias provided nominations for open spots on the Park Board. He recommended Clayton Sosa (term ending 12/31/26), Chris Leibacher (term ending 12/31/24), and Israel Paloma – Alternate (term ending 12/31/22). Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias, to approve the nominations to the Park Board. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer discussed the CRRSAA Grant. He will investigate option. The Trustees discussed possible using those grant funds for radar signs for speed control throughout the Township.

Mr. Bias reported that he would respond to the Sandusky Register inquiry regarding upcoming events for 2022 and accomplishments for 2021.

The Trustees discussed pay raises for non-union employees. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the following increases: Fire Chief Johnson to an annual salary of \$78,000; Road Department Superintendent Jim Neill to an annual salary of \$72,500; Matt Studer and Bob Biglin increased hourly wage to \$21.50/hour; Brenda Ried increased hourly wage to \$15.00/hour; Kelly Ried increased hourly wage to \$11.25/hour; CDL Drives increased hourly wage to \$17.00/hour; Summer Help increased starting wage to \$11.25/hour (returning summer help to receive an increase of .25/hour); and Zoning Inspector Chris Schaeffer increase monthly salary to \$600.00/month. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM



Gary Pooch, Chairman



Robert Day, Fiscal Officer