

MARCH 16, 2023

The Margareta Township Trustees met on March 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2023 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve and sign the warrants 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

Michelle Vandrak, Wreaths Across America:

Michelle provided a video presentation regarding the Wreaths Across America project. The date for placing a wreath on the graves of all veterans across the country is 12/16/23. Brenda Ried and Kelly Ried will coordinate with Michelle on this project.

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell was in attendance as an observer

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported will be meeting with Code Enforcement Officer, Katie Maloney as they continue to update the property maintenance ordinance for review by the Board.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Pegasus Trailers have submitted their plans for expansion and paid the necessary fees.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that the County Commissioners have approved the vacating of Portland Avenue in Bay Bridge.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson reported that he has completed all of the employee performance evaluations for the Fire Department staff.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin reported that Franklin Monument has ordered the replacement doors for the columbarium. This will be no cost to the Township.

Mr. Biglin discussed the issue of the stolen road signs in the Township. The responsible party has been identified and Mr. Biglin will work with the County Sheriff regarding restitution.

Mr. Biglin reported that, per Cathy Griggs from the County Engineer's Office, the Heywood Road resurfacing project will be advertised from 6/1 thru 6/15/23. Bids will be opened at the June 15th meeting at 7:10 PM.

Mr. Biglin contacted Liberty Tire regarding the Recycle Day scheduled for June 10th.

Mr. Riesterer inquired as to which roads will be submitted for OPWC funding in 2023. Mr. Biglin recommended Bardwell Road and possibly including Castalia Village for their portion of that road. Mr. Biglin will attend the Castalia Village Council meeting on March 28th to discuss.

Mr. Biglin met with Bureau of Workers Comp representatives to discuss the possible use of grant funds for the purchase of cemetery mats. BWC agreed they would meet the criteria. Mr. Biglin will continue to follow-up.

Mr. Biglin will meet with Erie Blacktop officials to discuss the cleaning of the ditch in the Industrial Park that runs under St Rt 2 and goes to Mills Creek. He will keep the Board apprised.

Board Items:

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation requests for Mike Jesberger (24 hours), Dean Gasser (192 hours), Shawn Hunsicker (48 hours), Dan Maloney (96 hours), and Terri Meyer (8 hours). Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer discussed the upcoming Severe Weather Week (3/19-3/25/23), Chief Johnson will post on the Township website and Facebook page.


Mr. Bias reported that the shelter/restrooms are now open at Lions Park.

Mr. Pooch reported that the Erie County Health Department is going to reopen the old Lutheran Memorial Home as an adult day care facility and memory care housing.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer