

The Margareta Township Trustees met on April 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Present were Mr. Bias, Mr. Pooch and Mr. Riesterer

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2018 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve and sign the warrants (16883 – 16904) and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

Jim Neill: Road & Cemetery Department

Mr. Neill discussed the chip & seal agreement with Erie County and the invoice for estimated costs in the amount of \$60,400.00. The Trustees offered opinion that 'estimated' bills not be paid and the will research an opinion regarding payment of 'estimated costs'. Mr. Bias will also seek to obtain a copy of the opinion received by Groton Township concerning this issue.

Mr. Neill reminded the Board that Recycle Day is scheduled for June 9, 2018. Brenda Ried will contact Ability Works for the paper shredding. Mr. Neill also discussed the corrected cost for Liberty Tire. The expense will now not exceed \$6,000.00 for two loads of tires.

Mr. Neill reported that Melissa Fetter from Erie County Storm Water has proposed June 16, 2018 as the day for the public to assist in trash pick-up on St. Rt. 101. The Trustees agreed to support and will ask for volunteers.

Mr. Neill presented quotes from Cold Springs for 24 additional niches at the cemetery at a cost of \$25,000.00. Discussions from the Trustees followed and was tabled for a future meeting. Mr. Bias will contact Dan Hedberg at Oakland Cemetery for additional references. Mr. Neill will also seek pricing on dividing crypts into additional niches.

Mr. Neill is reviewing applications for summer help.

Mr. Neill reported that 4 catch basins were installed at Lions Park and the drainage tile will be jetted one more time.

Mr. Neill indicated they will be fertilizing Sandhill Cemetery and he will also be gathering quotes for paving Sandhill Cemetery.

Mr. Neill reported that Ohio Edison drilled a hole to set a pole thru a storm sewer tile on Heywood Road. Mr. Pooch will contact Dan Hartlieb from Ohio Edison for repair and cost responsibility.

Mr. Neill requested permission to contact Matt Rogers from Erie County to conduct a speed study for Maple Hills. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to request the speed study for Maple Hills. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill recommend the hiring of Chris Schaeffer as a seasonal construction employee at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the hiring of Chris Schaeffer for summer construction help at a rate of \$15.00/hour. Vote: all ayes.

Tom Johnson: Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson submitted vacation requests for Assistant Chief Dan Strayer on June 2, 7, 9, & 11, 2018 for 96 hours and Dan Minor on June 4, 6, & 8, 2018 for 72 hours. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr.

Riesterer to approve the vacation requests for Mr. Strayer and Mr. Minor. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson reported that Mike Jesberger will be off work due to parenting leave. Chief Johnson will cover his shifts for the week of April 22, 2018.

Chief Johnson stated that Bay View Village has paid \$500.00 of the \$1,000.00 billed to them for services provided. Chief Johnson will send an invoice for the balance due of \$500.00.

Chief Johnson provided discussion of levy issues due to storm damage and high waters in Crystal Rock. Dean Koch, Crystal Rock resident, provided photos of the damage. Chief Johnson requested a meeting to review possible solutions when high water occurs in Crystal Rock. Chief Johnson also discussed flooding issues in Whites Landing and stated Erie County is responsible for repairs to the dike in Whites Landing. Neal Hemminger from Erie County was present for the discussions in Whites Landing. Mr. Pooch asked where monies would come from to repair the dike in Crystal Rock. Mr. Neill suggested removing trees from the dike to alleviate some of the problems with the deterioration of the dike. Mr. Riesterer suggested a ditch petition to initiate action thru Erie County Soil and Water as the Township may not have the authority to repair the dike. Mr. Riesterer also recommended a joint letter from the Trustees, the Road Superintendent, and the Fire Chief be submitted to the County.

Chief Johnson will attend a meeting with Fiscal Officer Bob Day and Beacon Medical on 4/23/18 at 11:00 to discuss billing/payments for emergency medical services.

Tom Johnson: Zoning Inspector

Mr. Johnson reported that George Poulus is drawing plans for the Pat's Tavern property and the bar/grill will not open until approved by Building Inspector John Zimmerman.

Mr. Johnson provided an update on the signage and activities for the Dirty Boot Saloon operating out of the Crystal Caves building.

Mr. Johnson indicated there will be a meeting with the Zoning Board on May 14, 2018 to discuss the updated zoning book. There will also be a notice of public hearing scheduled for June 7, 2018 put in the paper.

Mr. Johnson reported that multiple zoning violation letters have been mailed and more are forthcoming. Mr. Johnson stated the issues with Hoty Enterprises and Ability Works for the property located on St. Rt. 101 (behind McDonalds) have been resolved. The storage containers have been relocated on the property.

Chris Schaeffer: Assistant Zoning Inspector

Mr. Schaeffer was in attendance. Nothing to report.

Board Items:

Mr. Bias requested drainage/catch basin updates be added to the master plan for future reference.

The Community Development Grant submitted to Tim King, Erie Regional Planning to upgrade the concession stand and add handicap restrooms at Lions Park is in process. There will be an update in May.


Mr. Bias presented Resolution 2018-04 'Grant application to Erie County Metro Parks for the upgrades to the concession stand at Lions Park'. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to proceed with the grant application for the improvements at Lions Park. Vote: all ayes

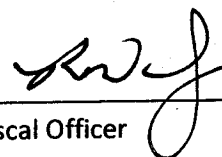
Mr. Bias reviewed the issue of the Firefighters Bonus Pay as addressed previously by Firefighter Dan Minor. Mr. Bias reported that the bonus pay is a contractual issue and the language of the contract is to be followed. Fiscal officer Bob Day will review the November 2017 payroll to determine if the bonuses paid to the firefighters were subject to Ohio Police and Fire Contributions.

David Mix, Township Resident:

Mr. Mix requested to have Jim Neill review if the drain tile in front of the new construction on Caswell was reconnected after construction. Mr. Neill to review and report at a future meeting.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer