

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on January 20, 2022, 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 January 6, 2022, 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 (20190-20206) submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell questioned the \$5.00 charge on his real estate taxes for street lighting. Trustees explained the use of those funds to cover the cost of lighting intersections. The Trustees further discussed intersections in need of lighting.

Keith Kreager, Northern Ohio Rural Water:

Mr. Kreager asked if there were any water issues in the Township. None were identified. He also thanked the Township for the signage in Crystal Rock.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented the Road Mileage Certification for approval and submission to the County. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to recertify the road mileage of 37.809 miles to Erie County. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed possible uses for the Gas Tax/Motor Vehicle Funding of \$100,000 from Erie County. Mr. Neill requested to trade/purchase two new mowers from Bill's Implement in 2022. He reported that, after trade-in, the cost for two new Ferris mowers will be \$7,298.00. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to trade/purchase two Ferris mowers from Bill's Implement. Vote: all aye.

Mr. Neill presented two quotes for the removal of eight trees from Township roadsides. They were from Bay Area Tree Care (\$2,400) and Buckeye Tree (\$3,025). Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the bid from Bay Area Tree Care for \$2,400. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill reported that Gary Borchardt requested to replace a white birch tree near his parent's grave in Castalia Cemetery. He will cover all the cost. The Trustees confirmed the tree is in need of removal/replacement.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported that the semi-trailer parked on Rainbow Avenue has to be moved prior to a zoning permit being issued for a new building.

Mr. Schaeffer provided an update on the Medusa Property after meeting with Mr. Petro and his engineer.

Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Fire Department:

Chief Johnson discussed the Fire Department Budget as requested by the Trustees.

Chief Johnson reported on the structure fire that occurred on Thursday January 20th. Chief indicated that he would like to entertain the possibility of 4-man shifts during peak times.

Mike Jesberger updated the Trustees on the possible fall delivery date for the new squad.

Chief Johnson reported that the department will host Ice Rescue Training with neighboring departments on 1/15 and 1/22/2022.

Chief Johnson also reported that the department will host State Fire Marshall training in June and September of this year.

Board Items:

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2022-02: A Resolution to submit the 2.0 mill Fire Levy to the Board of Elections and placed on the May 3, 2022 ballot. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve Resolution 2022-02. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Riesterer – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2022-03: A Resolution to accept the Erie County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve Resolution 2022-03. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Riesterer – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM



Gary Pooch, Chairman



Robert Day, Fiscal Officer