

APRIL 16, 2020

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on April 16, 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 March 19, 2020 meeting (the April 2, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19) as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve and sign the warrants (18575 –18657) and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the purchases of property. Vote: all ayes. Attending the Executive Session were Mr. Riesterer, Mr. Pooch, Mr. Bias, Mr. Day, Road Superintendent Jim Neill, Fire Chief Tom Johnson, and Erie County Assistant Prosecutor Sue Brown.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to end Executive Session and return to Open Session. Vote: all ayes.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Riesterer discussed entering into a real estate purchase agreement. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to allow Sue Brown (Erie County Prosecutor's Office) to represent Margaretta Township and proceed with a real estate purchases agreement for the 15.5112 acres of land adjacent to the Castalia Cemetery and currently owned by Donich Farms. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias discussed the Memorial Day Program. He will have Brenda Ried submit a request to Erie County Commissioners for the \$500 they provide annually to offset costs to the Township. Jim Neill will secure the speaker system for the program.

Mr. Bias reported that the Park Board is still working to resolve the issue with the shingles on the shelter and hope to get them replaced soon.

Mr. Bias presented Resolution 2020-04: A resolution appointing Mr. Bias as the representative for Margaretta Township for the grant application process to Erie Metro Parks. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Bias discussed the electric/neon sign for sale by Seth Lindsey for use at the Township facilities. This issue was tabled for a future meeting.

Mr. Pooch discussed the cost of placing street lights at the intersections of St Rt 269 and St Rt 6 (by 3<sup>rd</sup> Base and the Troike Farm). The Trustees requested Bob Day to pursue a street lighting assessment. Mr. Riesterer discussed the request from the Erie County Board of Health to approve the Erie County Health Commissioner (Peter Schade) to act on behalf of the Board in regards to quarantine issues related to COVID-19. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to grant the authority to the Erie County Health Commission to act on behalf of Margaretta Township. Vote: all ayes. Bob Day will send a letter to the Erie County Board of Health indicating the position of the Board. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the 2% pay increase for the Firefighters retroactive to January 1, 2020. Vote: all ayes.

**Jim Neill, Road & Cemetery Department:**

Mr. Neill proposed using Reclamite Asphalt Rejuvenator on Maple Avenue from St Rt 101 to Homegardner Road at a cost of \$14,597.64. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the project. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill presented a bid from Strawser Construction to Micro-Surface Village Hill Estates at a cost of \$35,083.80. The Trustees reviewed the estimate and determined the cost was too high at this time. Mr. Neill will seek a lower price.

Mr. Neill discussed the chip/seal program as a result of issues with the Erie County Engineer and Erie County Commissioners. Mr. Neill and Mr. Pooch will get pricing from Erie Blacktop.

Mr. Neill reported that Jim Johnson (50/50 Water) completed the dry weather survey and checked on a possible illicit discharge in Crystal Rock. No issues were determined.

Mr. Neill provided an update on the hiring of part-time positions for summer help.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance and no issues to discuss.

**Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:**

Chief Johnson presented a vacation request for Firefighter Dan Minor (72 hours). Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the submitted vacation request. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Fiscal Officer