

JANUARY 10, 2019

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on January 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2018 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2018 Organizational Meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign the warrants (17459 – 17524) and EFTs 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

Ed Pickard, Township Resident (Crystal Rock):

Mr. Pickard discussed a previous complaint on the property located at 221 Clyde Avenue in Crystal Rock. The Erie County Health Department has condemned the property and the right side of the addition to the barn. Mr. Pickard inquired what options are available. The Trustees continue to work with the prosecutor's office and will keep Mr. Pickard apprised of the progress

Jim Neill: Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill reported the storm water agreement with Erie County has been extended for 2019.

Mr. Neill discussed the progress on the shoulder work on Maple Avenue. The work continues and will be completed in the near future depending on the weather.

Mr. Neill indicated the road mowing will be completed in the next couple of days. He will then have Matt Studer start on the brush trimming along the roadsides.

Mr. Neill reported that Lance Hardwell will once again provide the speaker system for the Memorial Day festivities.

Mr. Neill discussed the cemetery levy and when to place the issue on the ballot. The Trustees will discuss with the prosecutor's office and the Board of Elections.

Mr. Neill inquired about cemetery services pricing and whether or not an increase will be implemented for 2019. The Trustees determined the prices for cemetery services in Castalia will remain the same for residents and an increase for non-residents will be determined. The Trustees discussed an increase for open/close services for Sand Hill Cemetery to \$450.00. The Trustees also discussed increasing the annual cemetery fees for Sand Hill to \$1,000.00/year.

Mr. Neill presented the total cost for the salt building. The total cost for the structure and materials was \$31,031.76.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the mileage certification for Margaretta Township as 37.809 miles. Vote: all ayes

Thomas Johnson Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson presented a vacation request for Keith Killingsworth (72 hours). Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve 72 hours of vacation for Keith Killingsworth. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson discussed various options for proposed computer replacements. He will continue to research and present the Board with updated pricing.

Chief Johnson discussed office furniture replacement and will provide options and pricing at a future meeting.

Chief Johnson reported that the local Association purchased face-hoods for the fire department. Chief discussed the need to replace turnout gear. Chief will provide pricing and the amount of gear needed at the next meeting.

Chief Johnson discussed the preventative maintenance on M-22 being performed by the City of Sandusky.

Chief Johnson informed the Board of the need to replace the tires on M-31 in 2019. Chief will provide pricing at a future meeting.

Chief Johnson presented a thermal imaging camera from Warren Fire Equipment. The cameras are handheld and linked to either a smart phone or laptop. The cost is approximately \$700.00 each and Chief requested to purchase 5 cameras for which we will receive the 6th camera free. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the purchase of thermal imaging cameras at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson reported that he will be billing Groton Township and Bay View Village for radios/service for 2019.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector & Tom Johnson: Asst. Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Rich Miller has raised concerns over the limited access to the 18 acres he farms on a property owned by Stierhoffs located off of Bogart Road and accessible by Rockwood Drive. Mr. Riesterer will discuss options with Mr. Miller.

Mr. Schaeffer informed the Board of a variance hearing scheduled for 1/22/2019 at 7:30 PM for Dennis Grahl. The requested variance concerns the building of additional storage structures on his property located on St. Rt. 101.

Board Items:

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to allow the Fiscal Officer to transfer monies from the Star Ohio accounts as needed. Vote: all ayes

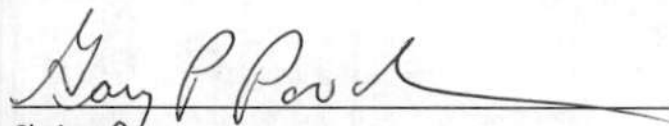
Mr. Bias will attend the Economic Forecast Meeting at Firelands Campus on 2/7/19.


Mr. Pooch discussed the annual Township Association Meeting in Columbus. The Trustees will not be attending this year.

Mr. Pooch will contact Linda Jett regarding the Erie County Township Association meeting in February.

Mr. Pooch discussed the wages for non-firefighter employees and proposed increases. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to increase the wages/salary for the following employees for 2019: Jim Neill, Road & Cemetery Supervisor (to \$68,000.00/year); Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief (to \$73,000.00/year); Matt Studer, Road Department (to \$20.00/hour); Brenda Ried, Cemetery Department (to \$14.00/hour); and Harvey Studer, Road Department (to \$16.00/hour). All increases to be effective pay period beginning 1/5/2019. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer