

JANUARY 5, 2023

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on January 5, 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 December 15, 2022 meeting and the Organizational Meeting held on December 28, 2023 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

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell inquired as to whether or not Old Railroad south of Bogart Road will be resurfaced in 2023. He was informed by Bob Biglin that the road assessments for 2023 are in process.

Board Items:

Mr. Bias discussed the proposed addition to the storage building at the park. He will seek bids and a determination on proceeding will be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2023-01: A Resolution to approved permanent appropriations for operation of Margaretta Township for the calendar year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$3,892,573.70. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Bias discussed the union negotiations with the Fire Department. He indicated that all items have been agreed to with the exception of Kelly Days. Mr. Riesterer and Mr. Stacy will meet to determine acceptable language.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the following compensation rates for 2023: Tom Johnson, Fire Chief - \$78,000/salary; Bob Biglin, Road Supt - \$60,000/Salary; Matt Studer - \$25/hour; Theresa Meyer - \$21.00/hour; Chris Schaeffer - \$600/monthly; Brenda Ried - \$15.50/hour; Kelly Ried - \$11.50/hour; Glenn Szatala - \$17.50/hour; Jason Gearheart - \$12.50/hour; Dane Smith - \$12.00/hour; Caleb Lane - \$11.50/hour; Aiden Cotner - \$11.25/hour; snow plow drivers - \$17.50/hour. Vote: all ayes.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Barbara Weyer will not pursue a zoning change for her property on Deyo Road.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that the Variance Hearing on the requested lot split for Jeff Killingsworth will be held on January 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Schaeffer and the Board discussed the possibility of creating a Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the newly created property maintenance ordinance. Action to be taken at a future meeting.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin discussed the price increase for the QuickBooks Software used at the cemetery and road department. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase of QuickBooks at the increased price. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin discussed the design plans for future development of the Bardwell Road property as presented by Contractor Design. The continued development will be discussed at future meetings.

Mr. Biglin reported that he and Brenda Ried will attend the OTA Winter Conference cemetery grant sessions.

Mr. Biglin requested to dispose of old filing cabinets at the cemetery office. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to declare the filing cabinets as scrap and be disposed of accordingly.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson reported on the status of equipment after assisting with the vehicle crashes on the Ohio Turnpike. There are tarps that will need to be replaced and the Ohio Turnpike Commission may offer to reimburse the Township for damages.


Chief Johnson reported that the Fire/EMS Department performed over 890 calls/runs in 2022.

Chief Johnson reported that Lt. Mike Jesberger applied for a \$4,000 grant from the Mylander Foundation on behalf of the Firefighters Association. The grant is to purchase equipment for the Fire Department.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer