The Margaretta Township Trustees met on December 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM

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

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve and sign the warrants and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

Kelly Ried, Wreaths Across America:

Mrs. Ried provided a review for the Wreaths Across America (WAA) event which was held on Saturday December 14th. The WAA project was fully funded for 2024 and the majority of necessary funding for 2025 has already been raised. There were 1,007 Veterans identified in the Castalia Cemetery. Mr. Ried expressed her appreciation for all those that help. Also in attendance from the Road/Cemetery Department were Caleb Lane and Bailey Sutorious who were a tremendous help during the event.

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell extended his appreciation for the WAA event.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin reported that the extended warranty for the road mower has been granted by Polen Equipment. The recent repairs will not be charged to the Township as they are covered under warranty. Mr. Biglin reported that the OPWC Grant for Bardwell Road Resurfacing Project has been approved for 2025. The grant is I the amount of \$111,250.00 and the bids will be accepted beginning in June 2025. Mr. Biglin requested to upgrade his Microsoft Surface Pro computer. The Trustees agreed that the upgrade will be deferred until a decision is made on the IT services contract.

Mr. Biglin discussed the recycling contract and is waiting for a reply from Rumpke. He will continue to follow-up.

Mr. Biglin provided an update on the Village Hill Drainage Project. The pins are set and the grade has been shot. Hula Construction to begin work within the week depending on the weather.

Mr. Biglin reported that the brine system tanks are in and will be operational within the next few weeks. Mr. Biglin reported on the meeting with Janotta & Herner (Tyler Wasserman) regarding a proposed new maintenance building. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett reported that new hire Bryan Cox has completed his physical and will start on 1/5/2025. Chief Jett continues to review and accept applications for the vacant full time firefighter position that resulted from the retirement of Dan Minor.

Board Items:

Mr. Bias discussed the request from the Sandusky Register regarding the additional tax dollars being allotted to the Township as a result of the property re-evaluations performed in 2024. The Township has not been provided with the amount of the proposed increase. Therefore, they cannot make a decision on whether those funds will be accepted. Bob Day will reach out to the Auditor's office for additional information.

Mr. Bias reported on his discussions with the Greater Sandusky Partnership (GSP) regarding the PUD in Bay Bridge. GSP is keeping Mr. Petro's architect involved in discussions with the City of Sandusky and Erie County.

Mr. Cullen discussed grant funds available for dump site clean-up. He will gather additional information and discuss at a future meeting.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer