

February 6, 2025

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on February 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2025 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

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

Sue Daugherty/Amy Bowman-Moore, Serving Our Seniors:

Ms. Daugherty provided an update on the development of a plan for small/modest housing in Erie County. She inquired if the Township would consider zoning alternatives for small/modest housing. The Trustees indicated that they would be willing to reviewing any potential developments.

Mr. Daugherty also indicated that a meeting would be held at 1:30 on 3/11/25 at the Erie Count Office Building that will feature a presentation on How Your Real Estate is Taxed.

Kelly Ried, Cemetery/ Wreaths Across America:

Mrs. Ried reported on her meeting with Adam Weeks from Great Lakes Computer Services for the new IT Services contract. There will be upgraded Malware and the allowance for remote access. She will continue to meet with Great Lakes to improve the IT Services.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin presented a quote from Valley Truck for a 2024 Ford F350 Crew Cab pick-up. The quote was for \$57,750 with a financing plan for 84 months at 5.72% interest. The annual payment would be \$10,064.97. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the purchase from Valley Truck. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Day will contact Valley Truck for other possible financing options.

Mr. Biglin reported that the brine system is up and running.

Mr. Biglin provided an update on the Village Hill Estates Drainage Project. Mr. Cullen suggested contacting a company with a rock crusher to assist with the excess stone. He will get quotes.

Mr. Biglin indicated the need to replace memorial flags at the cemetery along with the larger flags on the poles. He will seek pricing and see if there is a price break if a larger quantity is ordered.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the approval by the City of Sandusky and Erie County to increase the intake from the Bay Bridge PUD. Special thanks to Sandusky City Manager John Orzech for taking the lead on this issue.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Erie Regional Planning will meet on 2/21/25 at 10:00 to approve the variance for road in Bay Bridge for the PUD.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett reported that MT#122 is in for repairs and is expected back in service within the next week. Chief Jett presented information from Ohio Billing for Hazmat/Damage Costs. Mr. Day will review and present to the Board.

Chief Jett discussed the cost sharing opportunities for fit testing. He is soliciting the sharing of costs with all departments in the county. He also discussed issues with the generator and possible replacement. He presented multiple options for replacement. The Board will review.

Board Items:

Mr. Day requested a date from the Board to meet with the Firefighters Union to open negotiations as the current union contract expires 12/31/2025. The Board agreed to meet with the Union on 3/25/25 at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Bias discussed a possible addition to the building at Lions Park. Mr. Pooch to seek quotes from various builders.

The Board will review information submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Katie Maloney to determine the next course of action.

Mr. Pooch discussed contacting Dan Frederick to discuss architectural plans for a new maintenance building. He will set up a meeting for 2/11 at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer