

March 7, 2024

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on March 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

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

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the February 15, 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

**Chris Kane, Assured Partners:**

Mrs. Kane presented information on the Township's health insurance program with Paramount indicating that rates will increase on the present plan. The anticipated rate increase will be in excess of 11%. She reviewed options from Paramount for the Township to consider. The Board will continue discussion with Mrs. Kane and keep the union apprised.

Mrs. Kane requested that all employees update their Form Fire to allow Assured Partners to review and potentially present to other companies for quotes.

**Jake Smith, Rockwell Springs Trout Club:**

Mr. Smith requested to continue having Margaretta EMS service the Trout Club. He indicated that the Club is more than willing to cover a fee for services to insure an agreement can be reached. Mr. Smith and the Fire Chiefs will coordinate an agreement and present to the Board.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

**Bob Biglin: Road & Cemetery Department:**

Mr. Biglin reported that the light at the Memorial has been removed by Ohio Edison.

Mr. Biglin discussed the annual replacement of mowers with Bill's Implement. The cost after trade for a 60" mower and a 52" mower is \$8,798. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the trade-in of two Ferris mowers and purchase two new Ferris mowers from Bill's implement at a cost of \$8,798. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin discussed the driveway/pad on the Bardwell Road property and may consider purchasing additional grindings from Hula Construction.

Mr. Biglin reported that the Erie County Safety Council will meet the week of 3/11 to discuss the upcoming solar eclipse on 4/8/24.

Mr. Biglin discussed the Erie County Commission's Infrastructure Grant and the potential funding for the Old Railroad Project.

Mr. Biglin requested to allow Juneteenth as a floating holiday for the Road/Cemetery Department. Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to allow the floating holiday for Juneteenth at the supervisor's discretion. Mr. Biglin reported on the status of the Lion's Park water/sewer line project. The grinder is scheduled to be installed on 3/26/24.

Mr. Biglin discussed the possibility of Lucas Street paving in Castalia. He will meet with the Village to pursue. Mr. Biglin reported that he would like to purchase a gas post pounder and that a BWC grant is available that would cover up to 75% of the cost. He will contact Groton and Oxford Townships to cost share. The total cost is approximately \$5,500. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the purchase. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Biglin discussed the 811 registration. This will allow the Township to be informed when someone contacts OOPS (811) in the township.

**Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:**

Chief Jett requested to maintain the authority to fill vacancies and insure proper staffing levels are being maintained. He was informed by the Board that the staffing levels and number of positions in the Fire Department are to be utilized and filled at his discretion.

Chief Jett requested approval for Rob Street to attend a Fire Officer 2 class at Cuyahoga Community College. Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the class for Mr. Street. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett reported that the Fire Department will be utilizing the Attorney General's office for recovery of non-payment for EMS services.

Chief Jett reported that he now has 5 applications for part-time positions and 4 applications for the full time vacancy.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Bias discussed the concerns of the Sheriff's department regarding the April 8<sup>th</sup> Eclipse. The Board will keep Sheriff Sigsworth apprised of any events planned the Township.


Mr. Bias discussed establishing specs for driveways and culverts. Mr. Biglin will keep the Board informed of the progress.

The Board signed the newly ratified Union contract with the Fire Department. Mr. Day will obtain copies for all. Mr. Bias present Resolution 2024-02 – a Resolution for Sand Hill Cemetery Services. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve Resolution 2024-02. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cullen – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer