

October 19, 2023

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on October 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2023 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

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

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

**Keith Kreager, Northern Ohio Rural Water/Crystal Rock Association:**

Mr. Kreager inquired as to whether anyone had questions/concerns related to rural water. No one raised any issues. He also reported on future locations for the Rural Water National Conventions as well as an update on the conference that took place this year in Denver.

Mr. Kreager extended a thank you to Margaretta Township for their assistance with the street signs in Crystal Rock and invited all to attend the Crystal Rock Halloween Party on 10/21/23 celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Crystal Rock.

**Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:**

Mrs. Weyer inquired as to how the Township has responded to the requests from Life Wise. She was informed that no action has been taken by the Township as they are waiting to see how Life Wise progresses prior to offering support from the Township.

Mrs. Weyer also questioned as to how the Republic Services stoppage of curbside recycling affects the Township's recycling program. The Trustees responded by saying there is no relation to the programs and the Township's program will continue.

**Edward Cullen, Candidate for Margaretta Township Trustee:**

Mr. Cullen was present as an observer.

**Richard Cockrell, 6801 Parker Road:**

Mr. Cockrell thanked the Township Road Department for sweeping the loose stones at the intersection of Parker Road and Laurel Drive. He also requested the Township fill the pot hole at the Rt 269/Parker Road intersection. Mr. Biglin will have the Road Department address the issue.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector/Candidate for Margaretta Township Trustee:**

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Rich Hawkins from Wayside Temple discussed with Chris the brush that needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Schaeffer will follow-up.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Kendra Didion has filed for a Conditional Use permit for housing a 10-child center at her property on Rt 269 that will be named Anthony's Villa.

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

Mr. Biglin presented the resignation of Terri Meyer from her full time position in the Road Department effective 10/17/2023. She will be paid out for her remaining unused vacation leave and will be retained in a part-time status at her current rate of pay.

Mr. Biglin recommend to promote Caleb Lane to a full time position in the Road Department to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Terri Meyer. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the promotion of Caleb Lane to a full time position in the Road Department effective 10/21/23 with full benefits and an hourly rate of \$21.00. He will also receive prorated vacation leave for the remainder of 2023 calendar year. Vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes; Mr. Pooch abstained due to a family relationship with Caleb Lane. Mr. Biglin will post the vacancy for a full time position in the Road Department that will assist with the Village of Castalia Cooperative Agreement.

Mr. Bias presented Resolution 2023-23: A Resolution for a Cooperative Agreement with the Village of Castalia for maintenance services for a 3-year period effective 11/1/2023. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2023-23. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes, Mr. Bias – yes, Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Biglin discussed the need for a full time administrative position in the Road/Cemetery Departments that would include benefits. Mr. Biglin will provide specific duties at a future meeting. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to table discussions on this topic for a future meeting. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin discussed the progress on the waterline at Lions Park. He will meet with Derek Marsh from Marsh Engineering the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and will also get quotes from Keller Plumbing for the grinder pumps.

Mr. Biglin discussed possibly applying for a small government grant for the Township/Castalia Village joint project to resurface Lucas Street/Bardwell Road. He will keep the Board apprised.

Mr. Biglin reported that the doors on the columbarium are being drilled and will be completed soon.

**Dean Gasser, Fire Captain (Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief not in attendance):**

Captain Gasser provided an update on the repairs to MT#112. He indicated that the brakes have been replaced and the vehicle is back in service.

Captain Gasser reported that the generator has been repaired. A new starter was installed.

Captain Gasser reported that the new inflatable boat has been delivered and is in service.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the vacation request for Mike Jesberger (24 hours) and a vacation payoff for Dean Gasser for 72 hours. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer reported that the Erie County Health Department is offering on-site immunizations for Township employees. Captain Gasser will coordinate with Mr. Biglin to obtain this service.


Mr. Riesterer reminded all of the upcoming tour of the Republic Services Recycling Center in Oberlin on 10/30/23 at noon.

Mr. Bias reported that the Park Board will purchase 8 pallets of soil conditioner at a cost of \$4,577.60 and it will be stored at the pavilion at Lions Park. Mr. Bias also discussed the status of the current VenTrac tractor and will determine at a later date whether to keep it or trade on a newer model.

Mr. Bias indicated that the Erie Metro Parks grant in the amount of \$1,650.00 will be used to purchase a flammable materials cabinet at Lions Park.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

  
Chairperson

  
Fiscal Officer