

**JANUARY 19, 2023**

**The Margareta Township Trustees met on January 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2023 meeting as presented by 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

**Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:**

Mr. Cockrell attended the meeting as an observer.

**Jim Johnson, 50/50 Water:**

Mr. Johnson requested to attend the Clean Water Convention on February 16, 2023 to be held at the Cedar Point Convention Center. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the Township paying the \$35.00 fee. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Johnson extended a thank you on behalf of the Village of Castalia for all of the assistance provided by the Township in the last year.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to go into Executive Session to discuss Fire Department operational procedures. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to return to regular session. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Bias discussed the union negotiations with the Fire Department. Mr. Riesterer continues his discussions with Mr. Stacy regarding the acceptable language for the Kelly Days. Mr. Riesterer and Mr. Stacy will continue to meet to determine acceptable language.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer reported on the Variance Hearing Jeff Killingsworth held on January 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Schaeffer and the Board discussed the Code Enforcement Officer position. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the hiring of Katherine Maloney effective 2/1/2023 for the position at a rate of \$500/month with a 6-month probationary period. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Schaeffer presented the resignation of Drew Grahl from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to accept the resignation of Mr. Grahl and begin the search for a replacement. Vote: all ayes.

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

Mr. Biglin presented Resolution 2023-03: A Resolution accepting the Margaretta Township mileage certification from Erie County at 37.809 miles. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the certification and approve Resolution 2023-03. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Biglin presented the estimated cost for resurfacing/reconstruction for Maple Avenue between Heywood and Homegardner Roads. The estimate from Tim Lloyd of Erie County was \$90,000.00. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to send the estimate back to Erie County for bid. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Biglin discussed a quote from Pavement Technology to put down Reclamite on Old Railroad, Maple Avenue, and Deyo Road. The Trustees will consider at a future meeting.

Mr. Biglin provided the 2022 Cemetery Report for review. 2022 was a very busy year for the cemetery as over 70 lots were sold and 64 burials were handled by the Township.

Mr. Biglin presented a list of potential road work and cemetery work for 2023.

**Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:**

Chief Johnson reported on the dispatch advisory meeting for Erie County and discussed the rates to each entity. Margaretta Township's cost for 2023 is \$19,000.00.

Chief Johnson reported that MT#112 went in for ball joint repairs.

Chief Johnson discussed potential repairs for the front door key pad. He indicated that Hobbs Lock Shop will be at the Township Hall the week of 1/23/23 for repairs.

Chief Johnson reported that Firefighter Shawn Hunsicker will attend a Fire/EMS Instructor class and there will be no cost to the Township.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Fiscal Officer