

**NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

**The Margareta Township Trustees met on November 15, 2018 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. Riesterer to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2018 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve and sign the warrants (17362 – 17392) and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

**Jonathan & Gina Schlottag – Township Residents:**

The Board discussed the issue of residing in their motor home that is parked inside their pole barn on 6704 McCartney Road. The Schlottags explained that this is a temporary situation that will be resolved once their home on the property is completed. The Board discussed concerns regarding proper ventilation of sewer and propane gases. The Board required the Schlottags to vent the RV thru the barn to the outside, to install smoke and CO2 detectors, mount fire extinguishers at each door, and maintain as minimal amount of gas in the RV as possible. Mr. Schaeffer will follow-up with the Schlottags to insure compliance.

**Jim Johnson – 50/50 Water:**

Mr. Johnson provided an update on issues affecting storm water in the county. Mr. Johnson reported that Mellissa Fetter from Erie County spoke at the Clean Water Coalition meeting the week of 11/5/18 and discussed various initiatives that included: The Salt Pledge (to keep salt out of Lake Erie); public outreach; 'Lake Erie Starts Here' signage on storm sewers; a review of the ordinance regarding storm water runoff out of sanitary sewers; the impact of agriculture on the discharge of overflow water.

Mr. Johnson presented Jim Neill with forms/logs that track the amounts and times salt is spread and a request by the County for an annual report.

**Jim Neill: Road & Cemetery Department:**

Mr. Neill provided a list of snow plow drivers for the upcoming winter season. Mr. Day reported that all are on payroll. Mr. Neill indicated that MT-1 is in need of new tires. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the purchase of tires for MT-1 not to exceed \$650.00.

Mr. Neill reported that the in-house work performed by the Road Department for the paving of Maple Avenue and Bay Bridge saved the Township approximately \$72,000.00 when compared to bids submitted by vendors.

Mr. Neill discussed the progress of the salt building. It is expected the building will be completed by the first of December.

Mr. Neill reminded all that the fall leaf/brush drop off will be 11/17 and 11/24 (if needed). Mr. Neill inquired of the possibility of getting a roll-off dumpster from Barnes Nursery as the trucks are getting prepped for salt spreading. Mr. Day will contact Barnes regarding pricing and have the dumpster delivered for the 11/17 leaf/brush drop off.

Mr. Neill is meeting with Franklin on 11/16 to discuss the layout of the Columbarium.

**Thomas Johnson Fire Chief:**

Chief Johnson provided an update on Firefighter Dean Gasser. He indicated that Mr. Gasser's anticipated date of return will be 12/21/2018. Chief Johnson will continue to cover shifts.

Chief Johnson reported on that vehicle M-112 (2007 squad) has been repaired and will be picked up on 11/16/2018. Chief Johnson indicated that Groton Township has been invoiced for the purchase of equipment (Jaws - \$5,200) and peat sorb (\$148.00).

Chief Johnson requested the Board to consider the sale of Unit 124 (truck) to gain space as the department has insufficient manpower to utilize the vehicle. The Board granted approval to pursue the sale of Unit 124 with and/or without equipment.

Chief Johnson inquired about the purchase of new equipment with funds from the sale of the boat as well as the sale of equipment to Groton Township. The requested equipment included battery operated extraction equipment and generators. The Board requested Chief Johnson present invoices at the 12/6/2018 meeting.

Chief Johnson discussed his vacation leave balance and the inability to take the time off due to staffing. He has 15 days of vacation left and will carry-over/flex in 2019.

Chief Johnson reported that the following supplies will be purchased prior to the end of the year: EMS supplies (2 suction units) and batteries; and 6 office chairs not to exceed \$1,500.00.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector & Tom Johnson: Asst. Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer reported on the Churchill property on Maple Avenue. He indicated that the Township can regulate egress/access, parking, and setbacks. There was also discussion on the signage that will be permitted.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the blighted properties in the Township and the progress on each.

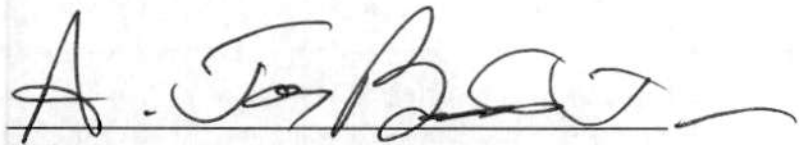
Mr. Schaeffer informed the Board that the zoning map has been updated.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Day presented a request for a resolution to perform an Interfund Transfer from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 to cover the cost of paving resurfacing. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2018-15 'Interfund transfer of \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund'. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Riesterer – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes.

Mr. Day provided the Board with a list of liquor permits granted in the Township and indicated that if there were concerns, they are to be voiced to the Ohio Department of Commerce. The Board has no concerns with current permits and no issues will be reported to the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

  
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Chairperson

  
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Fiscal Officer