The Margaretta Township Trustees met on January 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve and sign the warrants (18410 –18430) 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

Jim Johnson, 50/50 Water:

Mr. Johnson reported on the Illicit Discharge meeting held with the Ohio EPA.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented all of the information for the hiring of Kelly Ried to serve as a clerical assistant for the Cemetery/Road/Zoning Departments. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the hiring of Kelly Ried effective 2/1/2020 as an Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$10.00/hour. The motion included having Ms. Ried serve as the Recording Secretary of the Boards at a rate of \$25.00/meeting. There will be a 6-month probationary period. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the need to address adding language to the Employee Handbook regarding Medical Marijuana. Bob Day will update the handbook and provide the new language to the Trustees.

Mr. Neil provided the Board with updated information on the medical status of Harvey Studer.

Mr. Neill reported that the storm sewer project on Maple Avenue (by the Hula residence) is on schedule to be completed by the end of January.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to certify 37.809 miles in Margaretta Township to the Erie County Engineer's office.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the impending projects in the Township. He also met with the new owner of Crystal Rock Campground regarding upgrades and improvements.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson discussed the possibility of transferring the grass fire truck to the road department and purchasing a new flatbed truck for fire department use. Chief Johnson to get estimates for new truck and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Chief Johnson presented vacation requests for Firefighters Killingworth (72 hours) and Street (24 hours). Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the submitted vacation requests. Vote: all ayes. Chief Johnson presented updated rates of pay for the part-time firefighters. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the updated pay rates for watch time and paid on-call effective 1/18/2020. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson discussed the Automatic Aide Agreement with Groton Township effective 1/23/2020. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the agreement. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson reported that VASU has looked at the repeater and it is in need of replacement. Chief will discuss with Groton Township and Bay View to cost share the replacement. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed with the replacement of the repeater. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson reported that the diesel exhaust equipment is the process of being repaired. The approximate cost will be \$5,365.50 and Chief will seek grant monies from BWC to cover the costs. Chief Johnson will continue to advertise for a full-time firefighter to replace Dan Sharpe.

Chief Johnson reported that he will be applying for the SCBA grant and will use the funds to purchase air packs.

Board Items:

Mr. Bias provided an update on the union negotiations. The Union will present their final proposal on Tuesday 1/28/2020 at a meeting with Mr. Bias and Mr. Day. Chief Johnson will also be included. The Trustees agreed to move the 2/6/2020 meeting to 2/4/2020 @ 1:00 PM. Bob Day will put the notice of change in the paper.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all aye. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer