

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on August 18 2022, at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2022, meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: All Ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve, and sign the warrants and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: All Ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: All Ayes

Crystal Rock Landowners Association:

Residents of Crystal Rock inquired as to when Crystal Rock roadways became private and why the Township does not maintain them despite the fact taxes are paid by the residents. They also raised concerns over why they need to comply with the Township zoning regulations and set-backs on non-conforming lots if the property is considered private. Zoning Inspector Chris Schaeffer explained that all properties in Margaretta Township are governed by the Zoning Regulations of the Township as passed by the Trustees. Mr. Pooch explained the process to have the roads dedicated to the Township would have to be presented to the Erie County Commissioners and Erie County Engineer prior to being presented to the Trustees of the Township.

Thicket Road Residents (Toby & Connie Harkness, Georgette McCullough):

The residents discussed issues with the Johnson property on Thicket Road and the pending property maintenance violations. Mr. Schaeffer explained the results of the Erie County Health Department investigation and the process that will now be followed. Mrs. Harkness requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Johnson and the Township begin the process as defined in the newly adopted Property Maintenance Resolution. Mr. Schaeffer will proceed.

Keith Kreager, Northern Ohio Rural Water:

Mr. Kreager reported that the threshold for reporting the loss of water has been reduced from 10,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons.

Board Items:

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve a one-time payment of \$300 to the Erie County Sheriff's Department for the K-9 maintenance program.

Mr. Pooch discussed the pay incentives for part-time fire department employees previously presented by Lt. Mike Jesberger. The Trustees will continue to review the incentive program for consideration at a future meeting.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the overgrown ragweed on Thicket Road property (formerly Castalia Farms). He will contact the owners to mow/spray.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson was absent due to illness and was represented by Captain Dean Gasser. Captain Gasser reported that repairs on MT131 have been completed and it is back in service. Captain Gasser discussed the issue of not having Explanation of Benefits (EOB) available from Paramount which allows for reimbursement for medical deductibles. Mr. Day will contact Chris Kane from Assured Partners for an explanation.

Mr. Day informed the Board that the rate of pay for newly hired firefighter Michael Abner needs to be increased to \$18.00/hour as he is Firefighter/Medic. Chief Johnson requested an incorrect amount at the time of hire. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to increase the rate of pay for Michael Abner to \$18.00/hour effective 8/13/2022. Vote: all ayes.

Jim Neill, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill reported that the Ohio Department of Transportation awarded the District 3 Rock Salt Contract to Cargill, Inc. for the 2022-2023 winter season. The cost will be \$48.53/ton and includes delivery from their mine in Cleveland. The Township must receive 90% of the 300 tons ordered and will have until December 31, 2023 to take delivery.

Mr. Neill reported on the 2017 Navistar truck had to be towed to Truck Sales & Service in Norwalk due to emission control problems. All repairs have been made and covered under warranty. The repairs are only temporary and future maintenance may be needed until a permanent fix is available.

Mr. Neill presented an updated cost to pave South Avenue in the Village. He estimated that a two-inch overlay would require 290 tons of asphalt at \$65.00/ton. Total cost estimate for materials is \$18,850.00. The charge for labor and equipment would be \$6,650.00 for a total cost of \$25,500.00.

Mr. Neill presented the Heywood Road resurfacing plan for signature and approval. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to proceed with submission of the plans for Heywood Road resurfacing. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to recess until 1:00 PM on Tuesday August 23, 2022. Vote: all ayes.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 PM on Tuesday August 23, 2022. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and issues permitted by law. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer conclude the Executive Session and return to Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to adjourn. Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:20PM.


Gary Poach, Chairman


Robert Day, Fiscal Officer

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Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order / roll call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome to all in attendance
4. Approval of the minutes
5. Approval of the warrants
6. Approval of the Fiscal Officers financial report
7. Meeting open to the floor
8. Fire Department
9. Road/Cemetery
 - a. MT 3 update
 - b. Salt contract
 - c. OPWC Grant
 - d. Heywood Road resurfacing plans
 - e. South Ave paving
10. Zoning
 - a. 103 Portland Ave vacate right of way
 - b. Heywood Rd.
11. Storm water
12. Board items
 - a. Sheriff's dog contribution
 - b. Response to recycle concern
 - c. Industrial areas solar wind turbines
13. Parks