

**MARCH 4, 2021**

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on March 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

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

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2021 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign the warrants (19438 –19472) and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

**Kevin Nemitz, Castalia Village Council:**

Mr. Nemitz offer the appreciation of the Village of Castalia to the Township Road Department for their assistance during the recent winter storms. Mr. Nemitz suggested that a joint effort be considered to build a 'snow mound' in the Township for area children to play. The Trustees will discuss at a future meeting.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the vacation requests for Keith Killingsworth (48 hours) and Rob Street (48 hours). Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias discussed the Lions Park restroom upgrade project and recommended using Daniel Frederick Architects, LLC for design services for the park project. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to use the services of Mr. Frederick. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias announced that the ECTA meeting will be held at Milan Township Hall on Thursday March 11. He will attend on behalf of Margaretta Township.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the public records request submitted by Township Resident Shawn Griffith regarding proposed plans at The Oak at Millsite. Mr. Schaeffer will provide copies of any and all correspondence regarding issues with The Oak at Millsite. Mr. Schaeffer continues discussions with Sue Brown at the Erie County Prosecutors Office regarding proposed plans.

Mr. Schaeffer reported on the meeting with Sue Brown, Attorney Nick Smith, and McCartney Road resident Scott Lauber regarding issues with Mr. Lauber's property.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Hoty Builders submitted a Plan Review for their new building at Rt 2 and Rt 101. Trustees approved the plan review.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Bill Coburn has submitted a change of zoning request for the northeast corner of St Rt 6 and Martins Point Road.

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

Mr. presented the Road Inventory and Maintenance report for 2021 that will be submitted to the Erie County Engineer Office. The only project that will be completed for 2021 is road striping at a cost of \$1,605. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the report. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the road repairs needed in Village Hill Estates. He will seek pricing to resurface.

Mr. Neill discussed the proposed purchase of a new backhoe and sale or trade of the current backhoe.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed with the purchase of a John Deere 310 SL backhoe from Murray Tractor & Equipment at a price not to exceed \$95,198.00. Vote: All ayes. Mr. Neill will explore the trade-in of the old backhoe to help reduce the purchase price. He will also pursue to option to sell outright.

Mr. Neill reported that the accessories for the Ven Trac will be delivered by 3/12/2021.

Mr. Neill discussed the storm sewer project at Bay Bridge. He is waiting for a reply from Aaron Lochotzki regarding the encroachment on his property.

Mr. Biglin presented a quote from Bill's Implement for a mower to be used at Sand Hill Cemetery. The Trustees discussed the issue and Mr. Bias will take the proposal to the Sand Hill Cemetery Board.

**Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief & Dan Strayer, Asst. Fire Chief:**

Chief Johnson reported that the grass fire truck is operational and the old grass fire truck is now going to the Road Department.

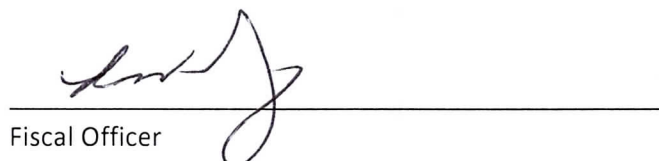
Chief Johnson discussed the need to replace the Ice Water Rescue suits. The Firefighters Association has agreed to purchase one suit and Chief Johnson requested to purchase two additional suits. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to purchase two Ice Water Rescue suits at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Vote: all approve.

Chief Johnson met with the owner of Fallsway Truck Maintenance regarding a truck maintenance agreement similar to the agreement previously in place with the City of Sandusky. Chief will provide further information at a future meeting.

Chief Johnson reported that Rob Street will continue to work with Braun and Life-Line for quotes and design on a new squad.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

  
Chairperson

  
Fiscal Officer