

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on June 16, 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 June 2, 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

**Keith Kreager, Northern Ohio Rural Water:**

Keith Kreager, Representative for Rural Water announced to the board that EPA is mandating that rural water will need to inspect for cross flow connections regarding wells and cisterns. EPA will be sending out forms that will need to be filled out and return. Inspecting house for cross flow connections will happen. Concern is contamination in water system. EPA will alert residents by the next water bill.

Keith Kreager also alerted that the quarterly water meeting will be at Put In Bay on July 6 & 7.

Mr. Riesterer asked Mr. Kreager if the ramp for the mailboxes looked, and Mr. Kreager said they looked great and thanked the Board.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation requests for Rob Maschari June 22, 2022 (24 Hrs.), Rob Maloney July 4, 2022 (24 Hrs.), Dean Gasser July 17, 2022 (24 Hrs.) Vote: All Ayes.

Tim King requested bills from the shelter house to allow for payment from the County Grant.

**The Board discussed the health insurance rates. Further concerns will be addressed to Chris Kane.**

Mr. Riesterer will write letter to ODNR regarding trees.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

**Nothing to Report**

**Dean Gasser, Fire Captain**

Mr. Riesterer motioned, seconded by Mr. Bias to hire Mike Abner Part Time Firefighter and Paramedic effective June 18, 2022 at a rate of \$16.50/hour. Vote: All Ayes.

Mr. Gasser presented the Resignation Letter from Keith Killingsworth effective June 16, 2022. Mr. Killingsworth has 144 hours of vacation time that will be paid out. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias, to accept the Resignation of Keith Killingsworth. Vote: all ayes.

Discussion about regional EMS stations. Shawn Hunsicker gave his opinions about the regional EMS station at Sandusky County that is dispatched by the Sandusky County Sherriff office.

Recommendation from Fire Chief Thomas Johnson to hire Justin Galloway as a full time firefighter replacing Keith Killingsworth. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer, to hire Justin Galloway for Full Time Class C Firefighter, EMT effective July 2, 2022. Vote: All Ayes. Chief Johnson and Bob Day will coordinate the appropriate pay rate and benefits.

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

The Board thanked everyone for recycling day. Jim Neill announced he will send out thank you letters. Mr. Neill stated to the board that they will need to start searching for full time employee due to impending retirement.

Mr. Biglin presented a quote for a One Ton Truck for \$54,000 and \$35,000 to set up. The truck would have salt box insert. The Board will consider at a later date.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to reject the bids for the Old Railroad resurfacing project.

Vote: All Ayes

Mr. Neill indicated bids will open on July 7, 2022 for the Maple Ave widening and resurfacing project.

Mr. Neill announced that the new mower decks and tires will be here at the beginning of August.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to accept the Margaretta Township cemetery rates effective July 1, 2022 as presented by the cemetery sexton. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin suggested to waive the charge of the footers for Veterans. The Board will consider.

Mr. Neill presented a solution for Jim Wobser's yard. They are going to cut the sod out, pave it and insert a catch basin.

Mr. Neill reported there is a drainage issue on Homegardner Rd. and suggested to clean out the drains and catch basins.

Mr. Neill reported they have finished crack sealing with Groton Township. Working on Maple Avenue to do seal coating. There are a few trees that are starting to rot. Would trim up the branches over the road.

Mr. Neill gave the board an estimate from Bay Area LLC.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to have Bay Area Tree Care LLC to remove trees on Maple Avenue not to exceed \$6,000. Vote: All Ayes

Mr. Neill brought to the Board a recommendation of lowering speed limit on Old Railroad Rd. He will ask for a speed study per the Board request. Mr. Neill also notified the Board that blind person signs from TNT and will be put signs out when finished.

Mr. Neill presented an email from a Township resident complaining about appearance of roadwork from a recent micro surface job.

Mr. Neill inquired if the Township would still consider putting a fence up on the side of the cemetery where recent work was completed. The Board will consider at a later meeting.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to vacate the North end of Sandusky St. in Bay Bridge and transfer ownership to neighboring residents John Petro and Philip Nieset. Vote: Mr. Riesterer voted No, Mr. Bias & Mr. Pooch Vote Yes. Mr. Schaeffer will present the results to the County for transfer.

Mr. Bias will pick up equipment for the Ventrac from Apple Creek. Rack Attachment, Bagger Clamp and Bolts will need to be picked up.

Mr. Riesterer stated a resident has issues with neighbors with weeds, Jim Neill will check for obnoxious weeds.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:36PM.

  
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Gary Pooch, Chairman

  
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Robert Day, Fiscal Officer