

The Margaretta Township Trustees met in regular session on January 5, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Present were Mr. Pooch, Mr. Bias and Mr. Riesterer.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016 meeting, as presented by Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Lindsley. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch approve and sign the warrants 15734-15780 and efts presented for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes.

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

Mr. Pooch moved, to pass Resolution 2017-01 accepting the Township road miles as certified by the County Auditor at 37.809 miles. Motion seconded by Mr. Bias. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch- yes, Mr. Bias – yes and Mr. Riesterer- yes.

Mr. Jim Neill gave his Road/Cemetery report.

Jim would like to have a study done on how fast the speeds should be on the curves of our township roads. He will check into the cost of having this done and also check on any grants that may be out there for this purpose.

There was a discussion on the snow plow needed for our new truck and also other options.

Chief Johnson gave his Fire Dept. report.

Chief would like to purchase a new Jaws of Life.

He also wants to get a new refrigerator for the Fire Department.

Chief also discussed our radios.

The Fire Department would like to get rid of the rescue boat we have.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to grant the vacation request for Rob Street for March 24, 2017. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to purchase a new Jaws of Life from Suthphen Equipment for the cost of \$26,350.00. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to purchase a new refrigerator for the Fire Dept. from Restaurant Equippers for a cost of \$1350.00 plus \$100 shipping. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to purchase 2 portable radios for the Fire Dept. and 1 for the Road Dept. for a total cost of \$2500 from VASU. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to pay the tuition for a Level II Firefighter class to be held at Ehope for Matt Stacy and Brian Martin. The cost is \$1300 per class. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Johnson said the Zoning Board will meet next Monday. The Trustees discussed medical marijuana and asked Mr. Johnson to have the zoning board check into it.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes, Mr. Bias- yes and Mr. Riesterer- yes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to return to our regular session. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes, Mr. Bias- yes and Mr. Riesterer- yes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to give the following pay raises effective January 7, 2017: Thomas Johnson will go from a salary of \$63,500 to \$65,000, James Neill will go from a salary of \$63500 to \$65000. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Neill will get a salary of \$2500 every two weeks. Matt Studer will go from \$18.75/hour to \$19.13/hour, Brenda Ried will go from \$13/hour to \$13.25/hour, Daniel Strayer will be paid on the union pay rate plus as assistant fire chief he will get a one-time \$3500/bonus for the year, Union Firefighters will receive a 2% increase as per union contract. Vote: all ayes.

Our second meeting of January will be held on January 19, 2017 at 1 p.m.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.