The Margaretta Township Trustees met on June 17, 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 June 3, 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 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

Guests: Matt Stacy

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer informed the board of a licensed CDC hemp farm located at the corner of Deyo & Parker Rd.

The board was updated on the Bay Bridge condo project with clean up continuing.

There is an Appeal Board hearing scheduled for June 28th at 7pm. Dennis Grahl has applied for a conditional use for his property on Billings Rd (formerly known as Kuns Plumbing). He would like to build a storage facility for campers and RVs. Mr. Riesterer will attend the meeting.

Mr. Schaeffer issued a violation at 5119 Rockwood for tall weeds, junk, and an unused swimming pool. He has also issued a variety of permits so far in June.

Mr. Schaeffer has not heard anything more from Dollar General.

The Cody property was discussed briefly with Mr. Schaeffer taking some questions to the Prosecutor's office for clarification. He will also be checking with the licensing bureau regarding fencing requirements for junk yards.

Mr. Schaeffer was asked to contact ODOT regarding noxious weeds located at SR2 and SR 101.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin reported the cemetery crew started removing the large shrubs in the Old/New section with about 75% of the work complete, new signage has been placed throughout the cemeteries and the mowing crew is doing a great job keeping up. The crew will be working on removal of the ground cover shrubs in the scattering garden soon. In addition, Fremont Fence will be out mid-July to provide an estimate for new fencing at Castalia Cemetery.

Mr. Biglin also reported the new backhoe should arrive mid-July.

Collection Day went very smoothly. The football team was much appreciated and a huge help. We collected an above average amount of tires and scrap.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson would like to hire four part-time firefighters. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to hire Justin Galloway, Cole Good, Andrew Monet and Brad Street effective 7/1/2021 as part-time firefighters. Votes: all ayes

Chief Johnson presented a revised pay rate for watch time callbacks. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to revise watch time callback payrates:

Firefighter/EMT during probationary period of 6 months - \$12.50/hr.

Firefighter/EMT after probation completed - \$13.50/hr.

Medic after probation completed - \$16/hr.

Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson presented a purchase request for a bed frame, box spring, mattress and room divider. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to purchase the bed frame, box spring, mattress and room divider not to exceed \$1000. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson provided an overview of the UH software the department will be moving and requested funds for the purchase of a new iPad. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to purchase the iPad at a cost not to exceed \$400. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson reported that Truck #31 came back today with all necessary maintenance complete. The back brakes are at 50% and can wait until next year. No final bill yet but it is expected to be under \$4k. Truck 21 needs new tires and the board instructed him to go ahead.

Chief Johnson has been named President of the Local Emergency Planning Commission.

The siren on Wahl Road needs repaired as it is giving off false warnings.

State collections for EMS calls was discussed.

Board items:

Tim Jonovich's EC Management mass notification was briefly discussed. Erie County is ready to go forward with it.

Cold Creek was briefly discussed.

No news regarding the COVID dollars.

Sandy Martin returns to work on Friday, June 25th. Mr. Bias asked that Kelly train with Sandy as much as possible this year.

A request from Amplex Internet was received to announce their new tower on our Facebook page and/or website. The Marketing Director will be extended an invitation to attend a future board meeting.

A potential park break-in was discussed. Chief will review the camera footage.

It was decided to reopen the Township Hall doors during Zoning hour and schedule meetings.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Chairman

Fiscal officer