

August 3, 2023

**The Margareta Township Trustees met on August 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2023 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve and sign the warrants and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

**Keith Kreager, Northern Ohio Rural Water/Crystal Rock Homeowners Association:**

Mr. Kreager inquired if anyone had any water related issues. None reported.

Mr. Kreager reported that the Crystal Rock Homeowners Association will be working with Terry Nickels on road repairs.

**Jan Carver-Young, 4002 Maple Avenue:**

Mrs. Carver-Young raised concerns on a natural habitat being mowed by Erie Blacktop. Erie Blacktop is the owner of the property adjacent to her home and there is a patch on the property that serves as a natural habitat for the Monarch butterflies that will be migrating through Ohio in mid-September. She inquired as to whether the Trustees could contact Erie Blacktop and request a delay in the mowing until the butterflies have moved south. The Trustees explained that it's difficult to ask all residents to maintain their yards/weeds and then ask others to delay. It was recommended that she contact Erie Blacktop and explain to them her concerns.

**Sandra Johnson, 6016 Maple Hill Drive:**

Mrs. Johnson raised concerns over cable boxes being placed in her front yard as opposed to the utilizing the existing utilities located in her backyard. Mr. Riesterer indicated that he and Mr. Biglin will walk the area and talk with the installation company.

**Jacob Smith, Village of Castalia Council Member:**

Mr. Smith discussed the potential contract with the Township and Village for maintenance services. The Village Solicitor (Randy Strickler) will draft a contract for services and it will be reviewed by the Erie County Prosecutor's Office.

**Bob Biglin: Road & Cemetery Department:**

Mr. Biglin requested to replace the entry door at the Maintenance Shop at a cost of \$425 from Koch Aluminum. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase of the door.

Mr. Biglin provided an update on the Wreaths Across America program.

Mr. Biglin reported that Gerkin Paving will start the Heywood Road project the last week of August.

**Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief (not in attendance):**

Chief Johnson reported on the repairs to MT #121. A bearing has been ordered and, once delivered, the vehicle will be completed.

Chief Johnson presented plans for improvements to the kitchen at the fire station to allow for additional refrigerators and cabinets. The Trustees tabled the issue until Chief Johnson can be in attendance.

Chief Johnson presented an application for Joshua Ramos and recommended him for hire as a part-time firefighter/medic. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the hire of Joshua Ramos effective 8/5/2023 pending submission of all appropriate paperwork.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to declare the old air packs as non-usable due to being past NFPA certification and allow for proper disposal. Vote: all ayes.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer reported on the development at Clemons Marina. They have put in a large parking lot and will be erecting a building soon.

Mr. Schaeffer provided an update of the notices that Katie Maloney has sent to residents for high grass/weeds and property maintenance violations.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the vacation requests for Mike Jesberger (168 hours), Matt Studer (16 hours), Rob Street (48 hours), and Matt Stacy (24 hours). Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias discussed the Union negotiations and will schedule a follow-up meeting with the firefighters to finalize the contract.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

  
Chairperson

  
Fiscal Officer