

May 9, 2024

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on May 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

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

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2024 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

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

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

**Matt & Shawna Stencil: Owners – Castalia Farms:**

Mr. & Mrs. Stencil presented documentation to support the status of meeting the requirements of Fire Department/Building Inspections. They contend that the Castalia Farms property is an 'operating farm'. There was further discussion on Agri-Tourism and whether it applies to this property or not. Shawna also discussed related conversations and email with Zoning Inspector Chris Schaeffer.

**Stephanie Entenman – 7016 Heywood Road:**

Mrs. Entenman discussed the need for venues like Castalia Farms for special needs children.

**Doug Entenman – 7016 Heywood Road:**

Mr. Entenman offered support of the Stencils and the programs they offer.

**Jessica Miller-McKee – 11605 Clay Road:**

Ms. Miller-McKee offered support of Castalia Farms and discussed the use of the buildings at the property.

**Dr. Adam Jenkins – 5803 Tiffin Avenue:**

Dr. Jenkins discussed the challenges of working with special needs individuals and offered support for the efforts of the Stencils.

**Jacob Smith – Rockwell Springs Trout Club:**

Mr. Smith discussed the possibility of continued service by the Margaretta Township Fire Department despite the main club house of the Trout Club being in Sandusky County. Chief Jett will review the possibility of utilizing the 'mutual aid' agreement with Townsend Township and develop a contract. In the interim, MTFD will continue to provide service.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer presented the recommendation from the Zoning Board to modify the zoning map for Parcel #33-01949.00. The Township will post a public meeting notice for the meeting scheduled for 5/23/24 at 10:00 AM.

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

Mr. Biglin reported that Margareta Township did not get selected for the EPA Grant to purchase the brine system. He will reapply for the grant in the fall.

Mr. Biglin presented the estimated cost for the engineering study from Derrick Marsh for Village Hills Estates draining. The total cost will be \$12,500 with a down payment of \$4,375 to get started. Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the engineering study with Derrick Marsh Engineering. Vote – all ayes.

Mr. Biglin requested to hire summer help. He recommended Shawn Frederick, Xander Bohn, Jake Bouy and Zach Bouy. They will start effective 5/23/24 at a rate of \$11.25/hour. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the recommendations for hire pending the submission of proper paperwork. Vote – all ayes.

Mr. Biglin reported that the new tarp system for the new truck will cost approximately \$2,500 and he will apply for a BWC grant to cover 75% of the costs.

Mr. Biglin reminded all that the Township Recycle Day is scheduled for 6/8/24 from 8:00 AM until noon. He will contact Liberty Tire Service and Galloway Brothers.

Mr. Biglin requested to rent the Hydro seeder to plant grass on the hillside in the cemetery. The cost is \$1,500.

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the rental. Vote – all ayes.

**Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:**

Chief Jett presented pricing for the new squad (\$360,371.60). Delivery is scheduled for 5/23/24. Bob Day will reach out to Republic First National Bank for financing options.

Chief Jett reported that the MTFD Association has offered to purchase a new tablet and docking station for the new squad.

Chief Jett requested to purchase a new Knox Narcotics Storage box from Med Vault at a cost of \$2,697.00. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the purchase. Vote – all ayes.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Bias presented Resolution 2024-04: A Resolution to appoint Fiscal Officer Bob Day as the authority to represent the Township in applying for funds left to the Fire Department by Margaret Loffoff. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve Resolution 2024-04. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cullen – yes, Mr. Pooch – yes, Mr. Bias – yes.

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM.

  
Chairperson

  
Fiscal Officer