

AUGUST 20, 2020

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on August 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2020 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve and sign the warrants (18930 –18959) and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

Senator Theresa Gavarone, State Senator – 2nd District:

Senator Gavarone provided an update on various bills and legislation currently in Columbus. She indicated her opposition on defunding the police.

Senator Gavarone also indicated she will offer assistance to Margaretta Township in dealing with ODOT regarding the placement of street lights on St Rt 6/St Rt 269.

Caleb Stidham, Chair of the Erie County Republican Party:

Mr. Stidham offered insight to his candidacy for Erie County Treasurer.

Board Items:

Mr. Riesterer presented vacation requests for Matt Studer (32 hours) and Mike Jesberger (72 hours).

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation requests submitted. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer reported that Bill Bohn (AG Pro) has requested to present a demonstration of a Steiner utility tractor. The Park Board will handle the demonstration.

The Board set a minimum price of \$15,000 on the sale of the John Deere tractor. Bob Day will post 'sealed bid' information on the website and the Township's Facebook page.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase of four Surface Pro Workbooks under the provisions of the Cares Act. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer discussed the new Telesystem voice mail platform.

Mr. Bias reported that the Lions Club has requested use of the Park on 9/19 & 9/20/2020 for a food-truck event.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2020-13: A Resolution for the placement of a Street Lighting Assessment on the tax duplicates for the tax years of 2020/2021/2022. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2020-13. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed a potential zoning change for the Old Raidroad property currently owned by Tony Lewis. The property is currently zoned agriculture and Mr. Lewis will request a change to C-2. Mr. Schaeffer will keep the Board apprised on this issue.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill discussed the possible use of the Road Department employees and equipment to assist the Village of Castalia with paving projects. The Board requested Mr. Neill compose documentation listing total costs of the projects including the cost of Township employees and equipment/fuel. Mayor Randy Whyde will consult the Village Council.

Mr. Neill contacted Fox for pricing on the pumping of tanks in Bay Bridge. The tanks will be pumped out on 8/21/2020.

Mr. Neill reported that Shortridge Construction will have fill dirt/debris available from a demolition job in Bellevue. He has offered it to the Township. Mr. Neill will stay in contact with Shortridge regarding what type of fill and if it is usable for Township projects.

Mr. Neill reported that the paving of Crystal Rock Road is complete and residents inquired about paving their private road in Crystal Rock if they pay for materials. The Board will discuss.

Mr. Neill will contact Ed Cullen regarding repairs to the sink hole in front of his house on Maple Avenue. Necessary repairs will be completed.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief/Dan Strayer Assistant Fire Chief:

Assistant Chief Strayer provided updated information on items that could be purchased with Cares Act funds. Mr. Strayer indicated that lightweight turn-out gear is an acceptable item and requested to purchase 17 sets at a cost of \$19,500 from Warren Fire Equipment. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase of 17 sets of lightweight turn-out gear. Vote: all ayes.

Assistant Chief Strayer discussed the status of the gas fire truck. Mr. Biglin reported that the one-ton truck for the Road Department will be ready for delivery on September 1st. Mr. Strayer requested to order a 'purposed fitted bed' to be installed on the current one-ton truck that will be transferred from the Road Department to the Fire Department. The Board requested that the new equipment be delayed until 2021.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer