

MARCH 19, 2020**The Margareta Township Trustees met on March 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM.**

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the March 5, 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 (18535-18574) 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

John Wobser, Bellevue Resident - Former Township Resident:

Mr. Wobser discussed concerns on charges for plots in the Castalia cemetery for non-residents. He also voiced concern over the location of the plot for his deceased wife. He indicated he wished to purchase the plot between his wife and her mother. The Trustees explained the rates for non-residents remains at \$675.00 for a cemetery plot.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson provided Covid-19 updates and steps being taken by the Fire Department to insure the safety of all.

Chief Johnson reported on the health conditions of Firefighters Gasser and Minor.

Chief Johnson indicated the OTARMA inventory is in process.

Chief Johnson discussed the condition of the door opener in the front bay. It will be replaced.

Chief Johnson is working with Ferrell Gas to remove the propane tank at the water tower.

Chief Johnson reported on the efforts of the Erie County Deputy Sheriff who assisted in the accident at the intersection of St Rt 101 and St Rt 2.

Chief Johnson provided an update on the gas fire truck. Rob Street is seeking bids for installation of equipment.

Jim Neill, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill will be interviewing candidates for part-time/seasonal positions in the Cemetery and the Road Department. The Board approved Mr. Neill to interview and hire at his discretion at a rate of \$10.00/hour. These positions will be subject to a pre-employment drug screening and the positions are considered a temporary appointment.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector & Thomas Johnson, Assistant Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance

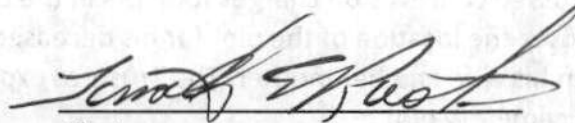
Board Items:

Mr. Riesterer further discussed possible land acquisition Donich Farms along the southern border of the cemetery. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed in negotiations with Donich Farms to purchase 15.4267 acres of land adjacent to the southern boundary of the cemetery. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Riesterer will meet with Erie County Prosecutor office to review the purchase agreement.

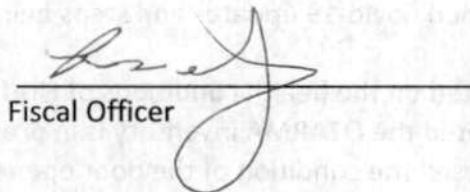
Mr. Bias reported that the contract negotiations between the Firefighters Union and the Township is finalized. Chief Johnson will update the current contract. The proposed 2% raise will be effective with the pay period starting 3/14/2020. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to ratify the Firefighters Union Contract effective 3/14/2020. Vote: all ayes.

The Trustees discussed access the Township's properties and will determine restrictions at a future meeting.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer