

JUNE 1, 2023

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on June 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2023 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias 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

Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:

Mrs. Weyer inquired as to how the Recycle/Yard Waste Grant from Erie County be handled among neighboring entities that are involved in the Margaretta Township Recycle Day. Bob Day explained the process and he will keep the Village apprised as he gets additional information from Tiffini McNeely from Erie County Solid Waste Division.

Jacob Smith, Village of Castalia:

Mr. Smith inquired if the Township was still considering offering assistance to the Village of Castalia for road maintenance and snow plowing. Mr. Bias offered to schedule a work session with the Village in the near future.

Bruce Taggart, 108 Caswell – Village Hill Estates:

Mr. Taggart reported that he was informed by local realtor Denny Grahl that the property he was sold in Village Hill Estates had an adjoining vacant buildable lot which he purchased with the intent of building a garage. Mr. Taggart was later informed by Zoning Inspector Chris Schaeffer that the adjoining lot was designated greenspace in Village Hill Estates and was not buildable. Mr. Taggart was informed by the Trustees that this was a civil matter and they had no authority to override the current language of the Village Hill Estates 'Planned Unit Development' (PUD).

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported on the zoning permits that have been issued and informed the Board that Code Enforcement Officer Katie Maloney is currently issuing letters of non-compliance to those township residents that have weeds and high grass.

Chief Thomas Johnson – Fire Department:

Chief Johnson requested to purchase SCBA brackets at a cost of \$1,319.00 with a portion of the cost to be reimbursed by the Firefighters Association. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson provided an update on the movement of the Repeater from the old tower to the new tower at WGGN.

Chief Johnson requested to purchase turnout gear for Collin Armstrong and Brad Street at a cost of \$7,746.00 from M.E.S. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase of two sets of turnout gear from M.E.S. at a cost not to exceed \$7,746.00. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson presented the information from MediCount for EMS billing to replace Beacon Medical as Beacon Medical is closing effective July 1, 2023. Chief Johnson recommended entering into an agreement with MediCount for a 4-year contract with an initial billing fee of 7.75%. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to enter into a service contract for EMS billing with MediCount for a 4-year period. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson discussed the process for mandatory overtime in the Fire Department as, with the request for multiple vacations, overtime opportunities have increased.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin was not in attendance.

Board Items:

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation requests for Mike Jesberger (24 hours). Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias reminded all that the ETCA Summer Meeting will be held on Thursday June 8th at the Huron Township Building.

Mr. Bias reported that the Memorial Day program was a success and thanked for their assistance.

Mr. Bias reminded all of the Township Recycle Day on June 10th from 8-noon at the Township Maintenance Building. He also indicated that the Township would once again purchase two pallets of bottled water for the football team and the Road Department.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer