

MARCH 5, 2020

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on March 5, 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 February 20, 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 (18498-18534) 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

Sandy Dwight, Township Resident:

Ms. Dwight discussed concerns regarding individuals who are riding snowmobiles and 4-wheelers in her yard. Trustees recommended Ms. Dwight continue to contact the Erie County Sheriff.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson presented a vacation request for Firefighter Rob Street (24 hours), Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the vacation request for Mr. Street. Vote: all ayes

Chief Johnson reported that the Firefighters Association will purchase three pagers.

Chief Johnson provided an update on the refurbishing of the 1-ton truck that currently belongs to the Road Department.

Chief Johnson reported that the bookshelf and desk (formerly in his office and declared surplus) has been donated to ReStore Habitat for Humanity.

Chief Johnson discussed the Drone class being put on by Erie County on April 20th and 24th. He requested that he and Firefighter Dan Maloney attend the class at a cost of \$1,000. Chief Johnson will seek donations for the cost of the drone. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Chief Johnson and Dan Maloney to attend the training for the drone class. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias discussed the potential involvement of members of the Firefighter staff becoming involved with the High School power lifting team. This involvement would be on their own time and not during shift.

Chief Johnson provided an update on the current firefighter vacancy and potential candidates.

Chief Johnson is coordinating with the Erie County Health Department on Coronavirus issues to insure the staff is prepared.

Jim Neill, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented the 2020 Road Inventory & Maintenance report that includes \$65,933.00 of work to be reported to Erie County. Discussion on the road repairs to Village Hill Estates followed. The Trustees recommended all seal coat/stripping be submitted to Erie County. Mr. Bias moved, seconded

by Mr. Pooch to approve the Road Inventory & Maintenance report at a cost of \$65,933, which will include Bardshar, Billings, and Rogers Roads along with striping. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the Cemetery Regulations. Trustees will consider buying plots back from owners at the discretion of the Trustees. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the proposed Cemetery Rules and Regulations effective April 1, 2020. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the need to have cemetery deeds notarized. The Erie County Prosecutor office determined that notarizing the deeds is not necessary. Mr. Neil will determine if the practice of notarizing cemetery deeds will continue.

Mr. Neill requested to trade two of our current Ferris mowers to Bill's Implement for two new Ferris mowers at a cost of \$6,100.00. (This is an annual practice of rotating mowers) Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the trade. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill presented Resolution 2020-03: A resolution to participate in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2020-2021. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the participation in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2020-2021. Roll call vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Neill discussed the repairs to MT-2. He also discussed the alterations needed to existing equipment prior to installation on the proposed new truck. Those included sealing the frames/wheels/bottom of the equipment. Mr. Biglin discussed the specs on a proposed new 1-ton truck. The proposed price with all new equipment is \$57,635. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve \$41,745 for the purchased of a new truck/chassis. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve additional equipment at a cost of \$14,150 to properly outfit the truck for use by the Road Department. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the rebuild and repair existing equipment for use on the new truck at a cost of \$1,740. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch reported on the opportunity to purchase a self-contained road sweeper unit from Erie Blacktop for a price of \$3,500. Also include in the purchase would be multiple parts and brooms for repair/replacement. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the purchase of the self-contained road sweeper and parts from Erie Blacktop at a cost of \$3,500. Vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes; Mr. Pooch abstained.

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

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance

Board Items:

Mr. Riesterer discussed possible land acquisition Donich Farms along the southern border of the cemetery. Mr. Riesterer will meet with Erie County Prosecutor office to review.

Bob Day discussed the status of the Township's budget and the effects of proposed purchases on the budget going forward.

Mr. Pooch discussed the concerns with high water in the Crystal Rock area. Trustees with discuss with Erie County Soil and Water staff. The Harkness property was recently sold and will be developed for duck hunting. The Trustees raised concerns over potential flooding and will be part of the discussions with the staff at Soil and Water.

The Trustees discussed the status of Quarry Lakes Drive and whether it has been properly dedicated as a recognized road. The Trustees will investigate the issue with the Erie County Prosecutor office.

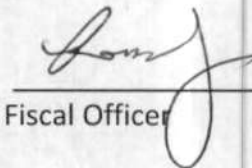
Mr. Bias will contact Brenda Ried to have notice added to the Township website and Facebook page regarding the upcoming Park Levy.

Bob Day will contact Tracy Ames from Burnham and Flowers to attend the March 19, 2020 meeting to discuss concerns with the current cost of healthcare in the Township and present alternatives.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:0pm



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer