

July 18, 2024

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on July 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM**

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

Mr. Bias opened the Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Permit language for Wedding and Event Centers proposed to be added to the Margaretta Township Zoning Regulations. The Margaretta Township Zoning Board recommended the approval of the conditional use with the following language: all wedding and event centers are permitted but shall meet all applicable building codes, Ohio fire codes, and all health department code requirements. The text change shall be added to Article 11 (Agriculture District).

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board. Vote: all ayes.

Matt and Shawna Stencil raised concerns over the language presented by the Zoning Board indicating that Building Inspector John Zimmerman requested a fire wall vs. a fire barrier for the Castalia Farms property. The Stencil's were advised they need to request a variance for a fire barrier vs. a fire wall. Mr. Bias will reach out to John Zimmerman for an explanation of his requirement for a fire wall for the Stencils.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular session. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias introduced Sue Daugherty from Serving Our Seniors of Erie County. She discussed the shortage of affordable housing for seniors in the county. She invited all to attend an open forum on 8/15/23 from 3-5:00 PM at the UAW Hall on Hayes Avenue in Sandusky.

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the July 11, 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

**Barb Weyer, Village of Castalia – Council President:**

Mrs. Weyer shared the appreciation of the Village for the efforts of the Township Road Department in helping maintain the streets in Castalia.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance for Charles Stanly for a 10' rear set-back for the addition to his barn.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the issue of short-term rentals in the Township and the need to include language in the zoning regulations. He will continue to provide updated information at future meetings.

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

Mr. Biglin reported that MT-20 (crew cab pick-up) is in need of repairs. He will provide a list at the next meeting and the Trustees will decide if the cost of repairs is warranted.

Mr. Biglin reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of road mowing is underway.

Mr. Biglin presented the cost for paving from Erie County Engineer using the updated Force Account limits:

Northwest Road increased from \$81,000 to \$86,050.

Old Railroad increased from \$287,000 to \$294,500.

Bardwell Road will not be included for 2024.

Mr. Biglin presented a list of equipment to be considered surplus and disposal. The list included: Simplicity 805 yard vac; Mackissic blower; Simplicity snow blower; and a Craftsman 22" push mower. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to declare the items as surplus and have them properly disposed of. Vote: all ayes. Kelly Ried reported on the website updates. It is ready to go and she will update the pictures and employee rosters.

Mrs. Ried discussed enrolling in an Amazon Prime account to save on shipping costs. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve enrolling in an Amazon Prime account and pay the enrollment fee on an annual bases. Vote: all ayes.

Mrs. Ried reported that the Cemetery Department will have a booth at the Cold Creek Festival to sell raffle tickets for Wreaths Across America.

**Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:**

Chief Jett was excused to attend the funeral services for fellow firefighters Richard Miller and Keith Russell.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Bias discussed potential pickle ball courts at Lion Park in partnership with the Lions Club.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2024-09: A resolution to proceed to submit a 2.0 mill levy for Fire & Apparatus to the Erie County Board of Election to be placed on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 election. Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2024-09. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cullen – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2024-10: A resolution to proceed to submit a .50 mill levy for Road & Bridge to the Erie County Board of Election to be placed on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 election. Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2024-10. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cullen – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2024-11: A resolution to proceed to submit a .50 mill levy for Cemetery Services to the Erie County Board of Election to be placed on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 election. Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2024-11. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cullen – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes.


Mr. Bias reported that Nico Samaniego for the Greater Sandusky Partnership will be at the Township Hall on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM to meet with Trustees to discuss business opportunities in the township.

Day will contact OTARMA to determine if it is possible to extend the Township insurance coverage to include Sand Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Bias reported that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) will be posted on the Township's website for any resident to participate in.

Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Fiscal Officer