

**JULY 20, 2023**

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on July 20, 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 July 6, 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

Tom Karcher, Village Hill Estates Resident:

Mr. Karcher raised concerns over the vacant lots in Village Hill Estates. He questioned whether they can be sold and who was going take care of the high grass. Mr. Karcher was informed that the Zoning Inspector, Chris Schaeffer was working on the issues with the County Prosecutor.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

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

Mr. Biglin informed the Board that the projected build date for the new dump truck is scheduled for 8/23/23 with a September delivery.

Mr. Biglin reported that Caleb Lane has passed his CDL and will now begin driving truck and operating large equipment. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve and wage increase to \$17.50/hour for Mr. Lane effective 7/15/23. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin presented the quotes from Erie Blacktop for the milling of Maple Avenue and the chip/seal of Thicket & Heywood Roads. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept/approve the quotes for the milling of Maple Avenue (\$25,897.50) and the chip/seal of Thicket & Heywood Roads (\$46,135.25). Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin reported that the grant for the yard mats for use in the cemeteries has been approved by BWC in the amount of \$3,281.06. The cost difference to the Township will be \$1,093.69. Mr. Day will complete the submission to BWC.

Mr. Biglin provided an update on the status of the repairs to the columbarium.

Mr. Biglin discussed the brine treatment systems for possible use this winter while spreading salt/plowing. He will provide various options along with costs at a future meeting.

**Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:**

Chief Johnson provided an update on the repairs to MT-121. The gear box needs replaced and insurance will cover the costs minus the deductible.

Chief Johnson reported that he will purchase uniforms for the part-time firefighters. He will also get quotes for Class A uniforms.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation request for Tom Johnson for 56 hours. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Day reported that all proper paperwork has been submitted to the Board of Elections for the 1.0 mill Road & Bridge Levy and for the 3.95 mill Fire & Apparatus Levy. They will both be placed on the November ballot.

Mr. Pooch provided an update on the installation of water and sewer lines at Lions Park. This will be a joint venture with the Margareta Athletic Booster Club.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer