

## The Margaretta Township Trustees met on April 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 7, 2022, as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign the warrants and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

### **Sheriff Paul Sigsworth, Erie County Sheriff:**

Sheriff Sigsworth was present for his annual visit to the Township meetings. He continued to offer the services of his department and support for all the Trustees. He recommended that the Trustees follow the State guidelines in place for the setting off of fireworks. Sheriff Sigsworth also discussed the recent decision on the concealed handgun issue.

### **Matt Old, Erie County Commissioner:**

Commissioner Old offered his support, as well as the support of all the County Commissioners, to the Trustees. He also discussed the recycling grant for the Township and that there may also be an increase in the amounts allotted to Townships this year.

### **Joella & Don VanWinkle, Whites Landing Residents:**

Mr. & Mrs. VanWinkle discussed the open ditch in front of their home on the corner of Wahl Road and Sunset. The requested to have it filled in. Mr. Riesterer indicated that the ditch in question was part of a County project and it would fall under their jurisdiction. He recommended reviewing the original plan. Mr. Neill will contact the County office.

### **Jim Hultgren, Village of Castalia Resident:**

Mr. Hultgren questioned if the Village Police Department would be reinstated. He was referred to the Village Council.

### **Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:**

Mr. Cockrell, a frequent visitor to the Township meetings, extended his appreciation for the efforts of the Township workers and indicated he would not be attending meetings until the fall.

### **Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:**

Mr. Neill presented a request to the County Commissioners for Gas/Motor Vehicle Tax monies (\$111,111.11). Mr. Neill provided quotes to the County. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias, to approve the intergovernmental agreement for additional funds as determined by the County Commissions. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill presented a request to approve the following for returning summer help positions with the corresponding rates of pay: Caleb Lane (\$11.25/hour); Dane Smith (\$11.75/hour); Theresa Meyer (\$17.00/hour); Jason Gearheart (.25/hour increase); Glenn Szatala (\$17.00/hour). Mr. Neill also presented an application for hire from Aiden Cotner and requested the approval to hire him. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer, to approve the list of returning employees and the recommended rate of pay as well the hiring of Aiden Cotner at a rate of \$11.00/hour with an effective date of 4/25/2022. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias, to approve a quote from Corso's in the amount of \$4,338.72 to plant eight 6' arborvitae and remove the hemlocks in front of the salt bins. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the Memorial Day program. He will work with Brenda Ried to set up all that is needed.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer continues to meet with Sue Brown from the Erie County Prosecutor's Office regarding property maintenance violations on the John Smarsh property in Whites Landing.

Mr. Riesterer reported that he has received a letter from Tim King regarding a request to vacate a right of way/road in Bay Bridge. Mr. Riesterer will have further discussions with Tim King at Regional Planning for further action.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that he received information from the Erie County Health Department regarding a Township resident that currently is operating a 'backyard campground' on Old Railroad. He reported that the Health Department does not have jurisdiction as the resident has less than four spots. This needs to be addressed in accordance with the Township zoning rules. Mr. Schaeffer will provide additional information at a future meeting.

**Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Fire Department:**

Chief Johnson reported that the AFG Grant has been approved and the Township will receive \$10,000 for the use of equipment purchases.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias, to approve the repairs to Chief Johnson's computer. Chief Johnson to contact Sterling for the repairs at an approximate cost of \$450.00.

Firefighter Keith Killingsworth inquired if a stipend was available for those employees who elect not to take the insurance. Bob Day to contact Sue Brown from the Prosecutor's Office for guidance.

**Board Items:**

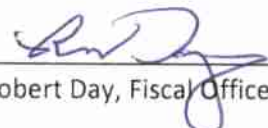
Mr. Bias presented a vacation request for Bob Biglin (8 hours). Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer, to approve the vacation request. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias presented Resolution 2022-07: A Resolution authorizing participation in the Erie Metro Parks Grant to be used for wife at the park. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias, to approve Resolution 2022-07. Roll call vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes, Mr. Pooch – yes.

**Fire Chief Tom Johnson:**

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Pooch, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Day, Fiscal Officer