

**OCTOBER 18, 2018**

**The Margareta Township Trustees met on October 18, 2018 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. Pooch to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2018 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign the warrants (17306 – 17336) and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

**Jason Brake, Local Resident:**

Mr. Brake raised concerns over individuals parking on the sidewalks along Lucas Street during school events which makes it difficult for handicap/disables individuals. Mr. Brake was referred to the Castalia Village as it is within their jurisdiction.

**Brenda Reid: Cemetery Department**

Brenda presented information (spreadsheet) displaying the cost of a columbarium to include landscaping and inscription. She provided 3 options with a breakdown of pricing for each. The Board discussed the need for a brochure that identifies options available at the cemetery. Brenda will work with Lisa Bias on the design. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adopt pricing for the columbarium effective 1/1/2019 of \$850.00/residents and \$1,500.00/non-residents. The pricing will include open/close and marker. Vote: all ayes

**Jim Neill: Road & Cemetery Department**

Mr. Neill presented vacation requests for Matt Studer for 13 days. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the vacation requests. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Neill reported that the paving of Bay Bridge has been completed and the maintenance crew will begin stone work on the shoulders.

Mr. Neill reported that the paving of Venice cemetery will begin in the spring of 2019 with the assistance of Townsend Township.

Mr. Neill discussed the placement and construction of the salt building.

Mr. Neill discussed Resolution 2018-05 ('Jake Brake' on the westbound exit of Rt. 2 to Rt. 101). Mr. Riesterer indicated that ODOT refuses to erect a sign indicating 'No Jake Brake' as they have determined there is no need for the sign.

Mr. Neill reminded all that the fall leaf/brush pick-up will be 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17 and 11/24 (if needed).

**Tom Johnson: Fire Chief:**

Chief Johnson provided an update on Firefighter Dean Gasser and the extended absence. Chief Johnson will continue to cover shifts.

Chief Johnson reported on the status of vehicle M-112 (2007 squad). The repairs are to be completed by 10/26/18.

Chief Johnson discussed EMS services provided to Bay View and that Bay View's position is that billing will not be paid.

Chief Johnson reviewed the upcoming 3.95 mill levy for the fire department. He indicated that the fire department has walked numerous neighborhoods distributing information. They are also providing smoke detectors and batteries to township residents.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector & Tom Johnson: Asst. Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer viewed the Nims property on Debra Drive and reported that progress is being made to clean up the property. He will continue to monitor.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that clean-up on the Baker property on Parker Road continues.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the clean-up in Crystal Rock with Tony Deamicis. He indicated that no backhoe was available to assist.

Mr. Schaeffer reviewed the Zoning Fees for the Township with the Zoning Board at their meeting on October 8, 2018 and reported the Zoning Board had no issues with the proposed increases. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to implement the zoning rate increases effective 1/1/2019. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Johnson indicated there will be a demonstration of the IWork software on 10/19/18 and updates will be loaded.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the Jim Churchill property on Maple Ave. Mr. Churchill has proposed a recreational use (small railroad and farm market) and will present further plans at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that H2 Properties has purchased property in Bay Bridge for a possible campground.

**Board Items:**

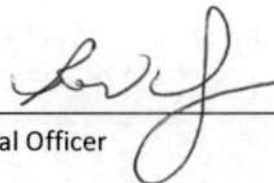
Mr. Bias discussed the levy information to be presented to the Sandusky Register. Mr. Riesterer will prepare information and send to all for review prior to providing the info to the Register.

The Board discussed the Lions Park concession stand upgrades. Progress continues and all work shall be completed prior to opening in the spring.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer