

The Margareta Township Trustees met on February 17, 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 January 20, 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 (20207-20282) 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

Gary Smith, Township Resident:

Mr. Smith was present as an observer.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented two quotes to finish trimming trees at the back of the cemetery. Bay Area Tree Care (\$2,800) and Buckeye Tree Service (\$7,250). Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the bid of Bay Area Tree Care. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the current condition of the road mowing equipment. The tractor and mower are both over 20 years old. In addition, while they are in decent operating condition, there is a need to consider an alternative. Mr. Neill presented a quote for a John Deere 6110M tractor and an Alamo mower from Polen Equipment for \$178,801.90. Mr. Neill indicated that the trade value of the old tractor/mower is \$30,000. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase of the road mower/tractor. And to have Mr. Day and Mr. Neill work with John Deere Financial to secure financing that keeps annual payments approximately \$20,000. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill will present the 2022 roadwork proposal at the next meeting. This proposal will also need to be submitted to Erie County Engineer.

Mr. Neill discussed the concerns with an aboveground crypt and whether or not it is permitted in the Castalia Cemetery. The Trustees will discuss at a future meeting.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the complaint from Whites Landing residents against John Smarsh for the excess boats, cars, and junk on his property. Mr. Schaeffer contacted State Rep D.J. Swearingen's office for clarification on the authorities of the Township. Mr. Bias suggested Mr. Schaeffer contact Heidi Fowler at OTARMA to see what other townships have in place.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that he will be contact Kromer Auto Wrecking on the need to clean-up the front yard and the fencing.

Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Fire Department:

Chief Johnson reported that MT#112 will be going to Fallsway for the 6-month inspection. Chief also discussed the need for replacement of the suspension bags. He will gather quotes. Chief Johnson discussed the status of repairs to the HVAC unit at the Township Hall. He will seek quotes for replacement.

Board Items:

Mr. Bias presented vacation requests for Rob Street (48 hours); Dan Maloney (72 hours); and Matt Studer (8 hours). Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve all of these vacation submissions. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias provided an update on the Lions Park bathroom project. Plumbing is roughed in and concrete is ready to be poured.

Mr. Bias discussed the need for a light at Sand Hill Cemetery to illuminate the flag and garage. Mr. Pooch will contact Jeff Schmidt at Ohio Edison for assistance.

Mr. Bias presented Resolution 2022-04. A Resolution for contract for services with Sand Hill Cemetery and the pricing list for 2022. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve Resolution 2022-04. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Riesterer – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Bias reported that the annual dues to Sand Hill Cemetery remain at \$2,500 along with an additional \$1,250 one-time fee for computer upgrades.


Mr. Bias discussed the lease/purchase of a mini excavator to be shared with Oxford and Groton Townships. Mr. Biglin presented a quote from Wellington Equipment for a Yanmar SV40 for \$60,940.00. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase of the Yanmar SV40 from Wellington Equipment. Margaretta Township will purchase the mini excavator and seek reimbursement from Groton and Oxford Townships. Vote: all aye.

Mr. Day discussed the CAUV Program on the recently purchased Donich property. The Trustees agreed to opt out of the CAUV program and repay CAUV credits previously granted on the property.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM



Gary Pooch, Chairman



Robert Day, Fiscal Officer