

The Margareta Township Trustees met on August 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve and sign the warrants (19799-19852) and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

Chris Kane – Assured Partners:

Mrs. Kane discussed the status of the Township's healthcare plan with Paramount. The current premium will remain in effect until January 1, 2022. She will continue to research rates for other companies. In the interim, all employees will have to update their Form Fire information during the period of September 15th thru September 30th.

Tim Schoewe, Township Resident:

Mr. Schoewe discussed concerns on how the fire at the Keegan property in Townsend Township was handled and the actions of the Margareta Township Fire Department. The Trustees noted his concerns and further discussion will be held with the Margareta Township Fire Department.

Board Action:

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the vacation request for Dean Gasser (24 hours), Dan Minor (72 hours), Mike Jesberger (96 hours), and Tom Johnson (40 hours). Vote: all ayes. Mr. Day presented an agreement from Huron Township Building Department regarding the services for building and electrical permits. Previously, the agreement was with Milan Village, as it was not deemed proper for one township to contract directly with another township. Bob will contact Sue Brown at the Erie County Prosecutor's office for clarification.

Bob Day provided an update on the latest Cares Act Funding. The Township will receive a disbursement of approximately \$230,000.00 in 2021 and the same amount in 2022.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to waive the \$600.00 rental fee for use of the Lions Park concession stand by Kevin Fenwick. This is due to all of the repairs and maintenance performed by Mr. Fenwick and his family. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the payout of 1-week vacation leave to Dan Maloney. Vote: all ayes.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the 'public vs. private street' opinion provided by Sue Brown. Discussion of various roads in the Township followed.

Mr. Schaeffer provided an update on the clean-up options on the Cody property.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill reported that the Road Department has completed paving work with Oxford Township and will start on Herr Road the week of August 16th.

Mr. Neill announced that OPWC has approved the start of the Miller Road paving project. Mr. Neill reported that the project will begin early in the fall.

Mr. Neill requested the Trustees consider reducing the speed limit on Maple Avenue from Parker Road south to Mason Road from 55mph to 45 mph. The Trustees are in agreement and Mr. Neill will write a letter to the Erie County Engineer.

Mr. Biglin presented a quote from Fremont Fence for the replacement of the chain link fence on the border along the new property. After discussion, it was decided that the Road Department will remove the guardrail and the chain link fence. No new fence will be installed at this time.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson provided maintenance updates on MT122 and MT121.

Chief Johnson provided a quote from VASU for repair work on the tornado siren in Whites Landing.

Repairs include new radio and batteries. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the repair work by VASU at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson reported that the Dispatching Services contract with Erie County will increase to \$13,000.

Chief Johnson provided an update on the process for collection from non-payers that is handled by State Collection and Recovery Services.

Chief Johnson discussed the new software for EMS billing. All have been trained and the program is up and running.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.



Joe Bias, Chairman



Robert Day, Fiscal Officer