

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on September 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the August 17, 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. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Ed Cullen, Township Resident – Candidate for Township Trustee

Mr. Cullen was present as an observer.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Norfolk & Southern is going to sell their 40-acre parcel located next to Ventra.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the Planned Unit Development (PUD) at Village Hill Estates and the sale of the green space to Bruce Taggart. The sale was rescinded and monies returned. The Trustees agreed that it is a civil matter and no involvement on the part of the Trustees is warranted.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin presented a letter from George Gast that suggested various improvements to the cemetery. The Trustees will review the suggestions and possibly consider.

Mr. Biglin discussed various options for a possible new mower purchase for use in the Village of Castalia. He will contact Mayor Johnson for a status on the maintenance contract with the Village for the winter of 2024/2024.

Mr. Biglin provided an update on the new dump truck. The chassis will be built 9/12/23 and delivered to Gledhill on 10/7/23 for completion.

Mr. Biglin reported that the repairs to the doors on the columbarium will be completed by 10/1/23.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson requested to replace the waders (5 pairs). Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase. Vote: All ayes.

Chief Johnson discussed the condition of the inflatable boat and requested to declare it junk. The Trustees will discuss at a future meeting.

Chief Johnson reported on the structure fire at Greg Keegan's barn.

Chief Johnson presented an application for a part-time firefighter for Brian Hackenberg. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the hiring of Brian Hackenberg effective 9/9/23 at a rate of \$18.00/hour.

Chief Johnson provided an update on the new squad. It is delayed until January 2024.

Chief Johnson presented information on the 'When To Work' software for assistance in staffing. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase at a cost of \$320.00/year. Vote: all ayes.

Board Items:

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2023-21: A Resolution accepting the amounts provided by the Erie County Budget Commission regarding the Certificate of Estimated Resources. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2023-21. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2023-20: A Resolution that authorized the Margaretta Township Fire Department and its firefighters to address public safety and public health emergencies during the Covid 19 pandemic from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2023-20. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2023-19: A Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Margaretta Board of Trustees, Timothy Riesterer, to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission and to execute contracts as required for projects proposed by the Erie County Engineer. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2023-19. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.


Mr. Day presented Resolution 2023-18: A Resolution allowing Margaretta Township and the Village of Castalia to enter into a Cooperative Agreement to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Bardwell Road/Lucas Street Resurfacing Project. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2023-18. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes. Mr. Pooch discussed the water line project at Lions Park. Mr. Biglin will contact Keller Plumbing to proceed with drawing and plans.

Mr. Riesterer reminded all that the Erie County Township Association meeting will be held on 9/12/23 at the Margaretta Township Hall starting at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Bias reported on the on-going union negotiations with the firefighters. Mr. Day will provide a response to the union.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer