The Margaretta Township Trustees met in regular session on July 2, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Present were Mr. Riesterer, Mr. Pooch and Mr. Bias.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2015 meeting, as presented by Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Lindsley. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign warrants #14344-14386 and direct deposits that were presented for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes.

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

The meeting was opened with the proposed 2016 budget hearing. After a brief discussion the following motion was made: Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the 2016 proposed budget and to submit it to the Erie County Auditor. Vote: all ayes.

Mrs. Jane Ann Williams was in attendance. Mrs. Williams updated the trustees on the upcoming Flags of Honor Ceremony that will be held on Friday July 17, 2015 at 5 p.m. This is the first day of the Cold Creek Celebration held in Castalia.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to pay for a generator to light the flags for Friday and Saturday nights, July 17, & 18, 2015. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson gave his Fire Department report.

He said they need some turn out gear and he would like to purchase 4 sets.

The standoff we had on Homegardner Road was discussed. Chief said he is to get a list of our costs for this incident. Chief Johnson will put together a list of costs to the township to be submitted for reimbursement. Our radios were discussed. Mr. Riesterer wants Chief Johnson to check into replacing everything.

Zoning Report: there is a drainage issue at the corner of SR 101 & Bardshar Road where the ground is being built up with dirt. The trustees said this is a civil matter. Also weed warrants were discussed.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to purchase 4 sets of turn out gear for the Fire Department from Warren Fire for a cost of \$2500 per set or a total of \$10,000.00. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to pass Resolution 2015-06; to place a 2 mill replacement Fire levy on the November 3, 2015 ballot. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Riesterer – yes, Mr. Pooch- yes and Mr. Bias- yes. This levy would replace 2 levies we currently have.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to pass Resolution 2015-07 asking the Erie County Auditor to certify the amount that would be generated by a .5 replacement levy for the Road Department. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Riesterer – yes, Mr. Pooch – yes and Mr. Bias- yes.

Mr. Jim Johnson gave a Storm water update.

Mr. Jim Neill gave a Road /Cemetery report. He mentioned that we may be able to get some inmate help from the work release program. The trustees feel this is a good idea. Mr. Neill also mentioned that there were several flooding issues in several areas due to the recent rains.

Fiscal Officer, Mary Ann Lindsley mentioned that everyone needs to be turning in invoices and requisitions right away after purchases are made. It is difficult getting invoices paid when the information is not turned in.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.