

NOVEMBER 5, 2020

The Margareta Township Trustees met on November 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve and sign the warrants (19112 –19150) 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

Melissa Feliciano & Valerie Sasak, Erie County Soil & Water – Storm Water Division:

Discussed the mapping of all storm water systems in the Township (MS4). They presented a video of mapping that have been completed showing catch basins, storm water drain lines, ditches/culvers along with the condition of each. This program will continue to be updated to allow for proper tracking and maintenance in the future.

Board Items:

The Board recognized Matthew Studer for 20 years of service with the Margareta Township Road Department. He was presented a plaque in recognition of his service.

The Board also recognized Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Strayer for 20 years of service with the Fire Department. He was presented a plaque in recognition of his service.

Mr. Riesterer presented vacation requests for Matt Studer (104 hours) and Bob Biglin (8 hours). Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation requests. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias discussed the price increase for the proposed purchase of the VenTrac tractor and accessories. The price is project to increase by \$8,000 after the first of the year. Mr. Bias will continue to provide updates.

Mr. Bias reported that Camp Construction will finish the roofing project at Lions Park and will submit the billing upon completion.

Mr. Day discussed the Cares Act Funding program and the partnership with ECEDC. The Small Business Relief Grant letters were mailed to local businesses. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve a 5% administrative fee to ECEDC for the handling of the Small Business Relief Grant. Vote: all ayes.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the proposed zoning change for Josh Ward on Miller Road. He wishes to locate his auto repair business to the property. Mr. Schaeffer will follow-up and keep the Board apprised of the issue.

Mr. Schaeffer reported on issues with bright night-lights at the Sand Hill Baptist Church parking lot. Mr. Schaeffer will contact the pastor for resolution.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the Scott Lauber issue of failure to timely build on McCartney Road. He has enlisted the services of Sue Brown from the Erie County Prosecutor's Officer.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Hoty Builders plan to build another building at Rt 2 and Rt 101 behind the current structure.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill reported that the final round of roadside mowing is nearly complete.

Mr. Biglin provided an update on the progress of the 1-ton trucks. He will be delivering the old 1-ton to Pegasus Trailers for installation of fixtures.

Mr. Neill presented Resolution 2020-17: A resolution extending the engine brake zone on St RT 6 from Northwest Road east to the Sandusky City Limits. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2020-17. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Neill presented an agreement prepared by Sue Brown from the Erie County Prosecutor's Office to buy back five cemetery plots at a cost equal to the original purchase price of \$45.00 total. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to buy back the cemetery lots for a total cost of \$45.00. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed getting fill dirt from Shortridge Construction for use at the cemetery wall. Mr. Neill indicated that there might be as many as 200 loads available.

Mr. Neill will contact Jeff Hartley regarding the trucks driving on planted land to dump the fill. Mr. Hartley currently farms the newly purchased land and has wheat planted on the proposed dumping area.

Mr. Neill discussed the parking issues on Crystal Rock Road. He will contact Barnes to survey the road to allow for enforcement of the no-parking areas.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief & Dan Strayer, Asst. Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson requested to hire Timothy Schaffer as a paid on-call firefighter effective 11/7/2020. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the hire of Timothy Schaffer effective 11/7/2020. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson requested to scrap the remaining 20 wooden tables due to Covid-19 concerns and replace them with new plastic tables. Chief Johnson indicated the Firefighters Association will handle the disposal of tables. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to scrap the remaining wooden tables. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase of additional plastic tables (30 total) with Cares Act Funds. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson indicated that Dean Gasser will return to work full duty on 11/9/2020.

Chief Johnson discussed the possible Covid-related bonus payments to the firefighters. The Board will discuss and review at a later date.

Firefighter Rob Street presented specs on a skid for the grass fire truck. Rob will work with Pegasus to install. Mr. Street also reported that the committee for a future squad purchase had met and will provide additional information at future meetings.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer