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MARCH 18, 2021

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on March 18, 2021 at 1:00 PM

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

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2021 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign the warrants (19473 –19500) and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

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

Erie County Sheriff Paul Sigsworth:

Sheriff Sigsworth was present for his annual visit. He provided an update on activities in the County as well as the effects of Covid on the jail operations and the deputies.

Jim Johnson, Castalia Village Council:

Mr. Johnson indicated that the Village of Castalia was interested in purchasing the John Deere backhoe from the Township. He was informed the sale price was \$25,000. He will discuss with other Council members and let the Township know by the April 1st meeting as to whether they will pursue.

Mr. Johnson provided an update on the status of the maintenance employee of the Village and plans to either replace him or contract with outside organizations/businesses. Jim Neill, Township Road Superintendent will provide a list of the costs for the Township to perform various functions for the Village and Bob Day will contact Sue Brown at the Erie County Prosecutor office to determine if this action/contract between the Village and the Township is permissible.

Jim Johnson, 50/50 Water:

Mr. Johnson reported that he will continue to map the storm sewers in the Township as weather permits.

Board Items:

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the vacation requests for Dan Strayer (48 hours on three different occasions). Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias discussed the ECTA meeting. He reported that Margaretta Township may host the summer meeting/picnic.

Mr. Pooch reported that he will secure conveyor belting for use on the backstops at the park.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the zoning permits issued. He updated the Board on the Dollar General Store to be built on the northwest corner of St Rt 6 and Martins Point Road as well as the new Hoty building at the Rt 2/Rt 101 location.

Mr. Schaeffer reported on the issues concerning proposed plans at The Oak at Millsite. Mr. Bias recommended that Mr. Schaeffer continue discussions with Sue Brown at the Erie County Prosecutors Office regarding proposed plans. Chief Johnson provided an update on the fire inspection at the Oak. Mr. Schaeffer reported McCartney Rd resident Scott Lauber has removed his trailer from the property.

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented a proposed lease-to-purchase agreement from Murphy Sales & Service for a new John Deere backhoe. Upon Board review Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed with the lease-to-purchase option at a cost of 98,936.27 which will be reduced by \$24,000 from the trade-in of the current backhoe. Vote: all ayes. Mr. Day will contact Murphy to initiate the purchase.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to trade 2 existing Ferris mowers and purchase 2 new Ferris mowers from Bill's Implement. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill presented updated pricing from Strasser for micro-surfacing roads in the township. Specifically, Village Hill Estates. The price has been reduced from \$58,000 to \$41,588. After discussing various options, Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to proceed with having Strasser perform the micro-surfacing of Village Hill Estates at a cost of \$41,588. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the progress of the driveway being cut in on the Bardwell Road property. Mr. Neill indicated that the Road Department will address any drainage issues on the Butch Ruthsatz property which may include digging on his property to hook to the storm sewer drain.

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

Chief Johnson presented a quote from Ohio Tire Terminal to put 4 new tires on MT41 at a cost of \$1,290. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to declare the old skid unit from the grass fire truck as surplus and sell with a minimum offer of \$5,000. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson presented a quote from Severe Tire to put 6 new tires on MT31 at a cost of \$3,817.70. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the purchase. Vote: all ayes.

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



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer