

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on July 21 2022, at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2022, meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: All Ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch 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

Board Items:

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the vacation request for Rob Street (48 hours), Mike Jesberger (72 hours), Matt Studer (40 hours), and Bob Biglin (12 hours) Vote: All Ayes.

Mr. Pooch discussed the upcoming vacancy in the Road Department pending the retirement of Mr. Neill. This topic will be discussed at the August 4th meeting when all Trustees are present.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the property maintenance issues with the Pipe & Wire building on Bardshar Road. He will replace the condemned signs and proceed with the Erie County Land Bank to address the safety issues and possible demolition.

Mr. Schaeffer reported the Erie County Health Department had been out to inspect the John property on Thicket Road and will site the owners for solid waste violations. Mr. Schaeffer will also send a letter regarding the need to clean up the weeds and high grass.

Mr. Schaeffer reported that a property maintenance violation letter from the Erie County Prosecutor's Office has been sent to John Smarsh regarding his property in Whites Landing.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson discussed the status of the Justin Galloway paramedic classes and how/if there will be reimbursement for the costs. Chief Johnson will inquire about grants to cover the tuition/books. The Trustees will consider possible reimbursement upon Mr. Galloway passing the classes.

Chief Johnson requested additional funds of \$25.00/month to upgrade the internet speed at the fire station to allow for better reception at Lion's Park. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the increase and have the additional costs paid by the Park Department. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson presented the contract for the use of the new WGGN radio tower. The Trustees requested Chief Johnson review the previous contract and compare the cost differential.

Lt. Mike Jesberger discussed possibly incentives for the Trustees to consider to enhance the retention of part-time firefighters/paramedics. Those incentives included: holiday pay for the part-time employees; an increase in the call back rates; and bonus pay for a pre-determined number of shifts and/or hours worked in a month. The Trustees requested Mr. Jesberger provide hard copies of his proposals for future consideration.

Jim Neill, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill reported that the Maple Avenue road project will be completed by Friday July 22, 2022.

Mr. Neill submitted the resignation of Sandy Martin (Records Retention). Mrs. Martin's last day will be July 29, 2022. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to accept the resignation of Sandy Martin. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill discussed the trees that have fallen on Oxbo Road. The trees are on the ODNR property and several others are in need of removal. Mr. Neill will attempt to contact ODNR for possible assistance of the removal of the trees.

Mr. Neill inquired as to the status of the Township Road Department assisting the Village of Castalia with snow plowing/salt spreading this winter. Mr. Bias will attempt to set up a work session with the Village.

Executive Session:

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel issues. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to move from Executive Session back to open session. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:25PM.



Gary Pooch, Chairman



Robert Day, Fiscal Officer

Margaretta Township Board of Trustees

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Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order / roll call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome to all in attendance
4. Approval of the minutes
5. Approval of the warrants
6. Approval of the Fiscal Officers financial report
7. Meeting open to the floor
8. Fire Department
 - a. Vacation request
 - b. Uniform update
 - c. Internet update due to increase usage
 - d. Paramedic program
9. Road/Cemetery
 - a. Vacation request
 - b. Sandy Martin resignation
 - c. Pavement marking county program
 - d. Oxbo Road trees
 - e. Road department position
10. Zoning
 - a. Thicket Road
11. Storm water
12. Board items
 - a. Executive session fire
13. Parks



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Thomas D. Johnson, Fire Chief

July 21st 2022

- Vacation Request – Rob Street – 08/24 (24) & 12/3 (24)
- Still waiting on a ruling from Prosecutor's Office about Mutual Aid
- WGGN is per year, No Increase for 5 years, Will be Invoicing Groton & Bay-View
 - o Twp. \$1200 Groton-\$650.00 Bay-View-\$650.00
 - o Would you like me to reach out to them or Bob send Invoice?
- Internet Speed Upgrade
 - o We have 30/2 & Pay \$120.00 Mo.
 - o Quote for 30/30 for \$130.00 3Yrs.
 - o Quote for 50/50 for 145.00 3 Yrs.
- Justin Paramedic Program
 - o 9/6/2002 – 10/27/2023 T&TH. 5-9 / Every Other Sat. 8-2:30
 - o Tuition \$6700.00
 - o Books \$785
 - o Supplies \$639
 - o Fees \$352
 - o Total - 8,476.00
- Updating Uniforms with Class A for Badges, Shirts and Ties
 - o Eligibility per Contract and will have estimate.
- Executive Session Request – Personnel
 - o I have enclosed copies for you to read before meeting