

DECEMBER 21, 2023

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

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2023 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. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Ed Cullen, Township Resident – Newly Elected Township Trustee

Mr. Cullen was present as an observer.

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell expressed his appreciation to Mr. Riesterer for his years of service to the Township.

Mr. Cockrell inquired about the specifics of the newly hired fire chief (Kerry Jett). Mr. Riesterer offered a detailed list of his duties and responsibilities due to the upcoming retirement of current Chief Johnson.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin presented Resolution 2023-25: A Resolution to establish an engine brake zone and post signs on Mason Road from Skadden Road to the Oxford Township line. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2023-25. Roll call vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes. Kelly Ried presented an update for the for the Wreaths Across America (WAA) event that took place on December 16th and inquired of the Trustees if the event would continue into 2024. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed with the WAA event again in 2024. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin provided cost estimates for the resurfacing of Northwest Road between St Rt 6 and Wahl Road at a cost of \$81,000. He also provided the estimate to resurface Old Railroad from Miller Road to Bogart Road (\$287,000). Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to submit the Old Railroad project to Erie County Commissioners for consideration for their Infrastructure Grant for 2024. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin reported that the springs on MT3 will need repaired at Toledo Spring. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to proceed with the repairs at an approximate cost of \$5,500. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin reported that the new dump truck was be delivered on 12/21/23.

Mr. Biglin indicated that he and Kelly Ried will attend the Ohio Township Conference on 2/7/24.

Mr. Biglin reported that he will be applying for an EPA Grant for purchase of a brine system.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson provided an update on grants that have been submitted by the Fire Department. Those grants include: FEMA Hose/Nozzle/Appliance Grant for \$50,000 and the FEMA Tanker/Pumper Truck Grant for \$900,000-\$1,200,000. He will keep the Board apprised of the progress.

Chief Johnson reported that the repairs to MT112 will be approximately \$2,500.

Chief Johnson requested to order 3 sets of turnout gear for 2024 to retain 2023 pricing. Chief will check the pricing with Sourcewell and compare to MES. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed with the purchase at a cost not to exceed \$10,950. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson reported that the thermal imaging camera was damaged during a fire and the cost to repair is \$749. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the repairs. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson announced that Justin Galloway, Robert Holm, and Timothy Schaefer all passed their Paramedic Exam. The Trustees extended their congratulations to all three firefighters.

Board Items:

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2023-26: A Resolution to allow the Trustees and Fiscal Officer that are not eligible for Medicare to be included in the Township medical insurance plans for 2024. Trustees on Medicare will be reimbursed for Medicare Parts A, B, & D, supplemental medical coverage, dental and vision plan payments. The reimbursement will be reduced by 10% as this is the established employee contribution rate. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2023-26. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Riesterer suggested having the annual Organization Meeting after the first of the year to allow newly elected Trustee, Ed Cullen, to be involved. Mr. Bias and Mr. Pooch agreed to schedule the Organizational Meeting for Thursday 1/4/24 at 6:00 PM prior to the regular monthly meeting. Mr. Day will place the notice in the Sandusky Register.

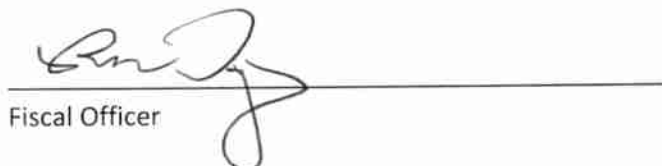
Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to authorize newly elected Trustee Ed Cullen to sign checks. He and Mr. Day will contact Civista Bank to get the proper forms signed. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias, Mr. Pooch, and Mr. Day jointly extended their appreciation to Mr. Riesterer for his 28 years of service to the Township. The 12/21/23 meeting is his last official meeting as he elected not to run for office again. Mr. Riesterer was presented with a plaque that will hang in the Township Hall. His family attended the meeting and Mr. Riesterer's wife Martha walked out with him the same way she walked in with him 28 years ago. The Township will deeply miss Mr. Riesterer's dedication and loyalty. We wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer