

November 2, 2023

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on November 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2023 meeting as presented by the 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

Edward Cullen, Candidate for Margaretta Township Trustee:

Mr. Cullen was present as an observer.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector/Candidate for Margaretta Township Trustee:

Mr. Schaeffer reported that the Kendra Didion Conditional Use permit hearing will be held on Monday November 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM. This hearing is in regards to a conditional use permit for housing a 10-child center at her property on Rt 269 that will be named Anthony's Villa.

Bob Biglin: Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin reviewed four applicants for the vacant full time position in the Road Department that will assist with the maintenance of Castalia Village.

Mr. Biglin reported that the trash cans purchased with the recycling grant will be being shipped and will be placed at the park shortly.

Mr. Biglin reported that the new single axel dump truck will be delivered approximately mid-December.

Mr. Biglin presented pricing for replacement of the John Deere Gators for both the Cemetery Department and the Park Department. There will be a substantial price increase with Ag Pro after January 1, 2024 and purchasing now would represent a savings of over \$4,000.00. The costs for the gators are: \$12,523.69 for the Cemetery Department (\$16,023.69 - \$3,500 {trade-in}) and \$3,774.54 for the Park Department (\$8,974.54 - \$5,200 {trade-in}). Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase of 2 John Gators from Ag Pro Monroeville. Vote: all ayes.

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson discussed his attendance at a meeting with Erie County Commissioner Steve Shoffner regarding the dispatching services provided by the county. He reported that there will be no rate change for Margaretta Township for 2024 and the cost will remain at \$19,000.00.

Chief Johnson discussed the possible purchase of a rigid hose bed cover at a cost of \$6,916.76. The cost will hopefully be covered by a grant. He will present additional info at the 11/16/23 meeting.

Board Items:

Mr. Riesterer discussed the process for submitting grants on behalf of the Township. The Board specifically referenced recent grants submitted by the Fire Department that were not presented to the Board prior to submission. Mr. Day will develop a defined process for future grant submissions.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel issue. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

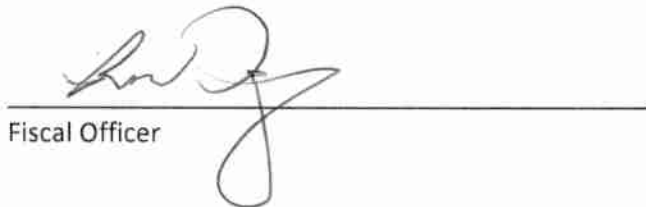
Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to promote Kelly Ried to full time Township Administrative Support effective 1/1/2024 at a rate of \$17.50/hour to include full benefits package, 80 hours of vacation, and 80 hours of annual sick leave. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer