

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on September 17, 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 September 3, 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 (18996 –19025) 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

**Robert Weaver, ODOT District 3 Deputy Director:**

Mr. Weaver discussed the proposed street lights at the intersections of St Rt 6 and St Rt 269. He received an email from Senator Gavarone's office regarding the issues of the street lights. Mr. Weaver indicated that ODOT will cover the cost of putting the street lights in place (2 lights at each intersection). He also stated that ODOT has submitted a grant application to cover the cost of putting a left turn lane on St Rt 6 heading north onto St Rt 269. Mr. Weaver also discussed the erosion on the McCartney Road overpass. ODOT will make the repairs to that bridge.

**Mark & Patty Shupe, Township Residents – Homegardner Road:**

Mr. and Mrs. Shupe raised concerns with the large crowds gathered and the loud noise/music coming from the Iron Pony Bar. They have contacted the Erie County Sheriff's department and filed a complaint. They inquired about a noise ordinance for the Township and were informed the Township does not have a noise ordinance. The Board recommended the Shupe's continue to contact the Sheriff's office. Gary Pooch will also contact the Sheriff's office and Chris Schaeffer will contact the owners of the Iron Pony.

**Keith Kreager, Northern Ohio Rural Water:**

Mr. Kreager reported that the annual conference was cancelled. He inquired if the Township has any concerns regarding the rural water. No concerns were reported.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Riesterer presented a vacation request for Dan Strayer (72 hours). Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the vacation request. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Day presented the Adoption Agreement with Ohio Deferred Compensation regarding the ROTH IRA portion of the Ohio 457 plan. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the Adoption Agreement for the Ohio Deferred Compensation ROTH IRA. Vote: all ayes.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Todd Capel has hauled away 250+ tires from his business on St Rt 269 and has cleaned up the property.

**Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:**

Mr. Neill reported that the crack seal in Oxford Township and on Heywood Road has been completed. Mr. Neill discussed the work on the Heywood Road/Maple Avenue ditch. That project should be completed in the near future.

Mr. Neill reported that the joint road project between the Village of Castalia and the Township continues. The Village will have 7L Construction grind Barden and Brailey streets prior to the paving. Mr. Biglin raised an issue with Township Resident Travis Higham dumping grass clippings in the ditch on Maple Avenue south of St Rt 101. This is causing the water flow to be blocked and water backs up. Mr. Neill will contact Jim Johnson (50/50 Water) regarding possible storm water issues.

Mr. Neill reported that Brenda Ried has submitted for and received a \$1,000 grant to straighten monuments in the Venice and Sand Hill cemeteries.

Mr. Neill discussed the road salt bid. He will have additional information at a future meeting.

Mr. Neill and Mr. Biglin will provide a list of previously purchased COVID-19 related items to Fiscal Officer Bob Day. This will allow the reallocation of funds so that these COVID-19 related items are paid with Cares Act Funding

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

Assistant Chief Strayer presented a list of items that could be potentially be purchased using Cares Act Funding. The Board also discussed the possible use of the Erie County Economic Development Corporation for community distribution.

Chief Johnson will provide a list of previously purchased COVID-19 related items to Fiscal Officer Bob Day. This will allow the reallocation of funds so that these COVID-19 related items are paid with Cares Act Funding.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Fiscal Officer