

JANUARY 9, 2020

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on January 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2019 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2019 Organizational Meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve and sign the warrants (18362 –18409) 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

Jim Neill & Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Neill presented an application for Kelly Ried to potentially serve as a back-up to Brenda Ried and Sandy Martin. The Board will consider an interview at a later date.

Mr. Neill discussed how to handle Sand Hill Cemetery duties currently performed by Brenda Ried (formerly performed by Linda Jett). The Board will address this issue at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Neill presented a Return to Work slip from his doctor allowing him to return to duty effective 1/13/2020.

Mr. Biglin discussed the repairs to the driver's seat in the 1-ton truck. He also discussed the overall condition of the 1 Ton truck and the plans to replace it in the future.

Mr. Biglin will be attending IDDE Training on 1/23/2020 along with Jim Johnson.

Mr. Neill reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement for Storm Water Discharge. The annual fee of \$10,000 will remain the same.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Jim Johnson as Margaretta Township official designee to the Erie County Storm Water Committee and the Township Board Chair (Mr. Riesterer) to serve as the signatory for documents required by the MS4 General Permit issued by the Ohio EPA effective 1/9/2020. Vote: all ayes.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector (not in attendance):

No issues to discuss

Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief:

Chief Johnson discussed the increase in price for turn-out gear. He will order turn-out gear prior to the price increase. The purchase will include: hoses; vests; flashlights; and supplies at a cost not to exceed \$14,200.00.

Chief Johnson reported that license checks for all required township employees is near completion.

Chief Johnson will host Drug Free Workplace training on 2/18 & 2/20/20 at the Township Hall.

Chief Johnson discussed the SCBA Grant and the possibility of hiring a grant writer to assist with other potential grants available.

Chief Johnson discussed possibly changing the increments that vacation leave is granted. He will provide a proposal at a later meeting.

Chief Johnson discussed pay rate changes for Part-Time Fire Department employees. Chief will provide a list and proposed hourly rate for each at the next meeting.

Board Items:

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2020-01: A resolution approving permanent appropriations for the operations of Margaretta Township for the calendar year 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$3,876,287.00. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2020-01. Roll call vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes.

Mr. Riesterer presented vacation requests for Dan Sharpe (24 hours), Rob Street (24 hours), and Bob Biglin (8 hours). Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the submitted vacation requests for Dan Sharpe, Rob Street, and Bob Biglin. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias provided an update on the union negotiations. The Union still needs to submit their final proposal to allow finalizing of the contract.

The Trustees agreed to move the 2/6/2020 meeting to 2/4/2020 @ 1:00 PM. Bob Day will put the notice of change in the paper.

The Board discussed a request submitted by George Gast regarding recognition of his son Scott. Unfortunately, the request does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Township.

Mr. Riesterer discussed the pay rate changes for Jim Neill, Chief Johnson, the Road Department and other employees. He proposed the following: Chief Johnson increase to \$74,500/year; Jim Neill to \$69,500/year; Matt Studer to \$20.50/hour; Bob Biglin to \$19.50/hour; Harvey Studer to \$16.50/hour; Brenda Ried to \$14.50/hour; Sandy Martin to \$12.00/hour; the summer help to \$10.00/hour (starting wage); and the snow plow drivers to remain at \$16.00/hour. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approved the proposed raises effective 1/4/2020. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to recess until 12:45 PM on Friday January 10, 2020.

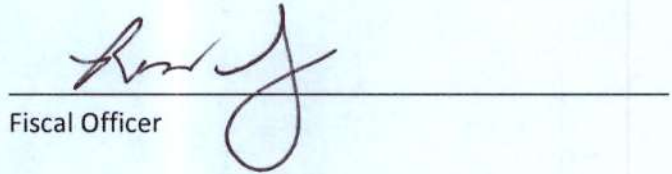
The Trustees returned from recess at 12:45 PM on Friday January 10, 2020. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing future economic development. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to move out of Executive Session and return to regular session. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all aye. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer