

## The Margareta Township Trustees met on March 17, 2022, at 7:00 PM

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

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 3, 2022, as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve and sign the warrants and EFTs (20304-20356) submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

### **Gary Smith, Township Resident:**

Mr. Smith was present as an observer.

### **Keith Kreager, Northern Ohio Rural Water/Crystal Rock Representative:**

Mr. Kreager announced that he will be attending the Quarterly Rural Water meeting on 3/22/22.

Mr. Kreager inquired if the Township would be able to assist in capping an artesian well in Crystal Rock.

The Trustees indicated that the well is on private property and the Township declined to get involved.

Mr. Riesterer offered the name of a company (Sling-Line) that may be able to help.

### **Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:**

Mr. Cockrell offered his thanks to the Road Department for their assistance with the markers on the intersection of Maple and Miller.

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

Mr. Neill presented quotes for paving/chip-seal on various sections of Maple Avenue. The quote from Erie Blacktop (\$49,985) was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Neill presented a quote from Erie Blacktop for paving the Venice Cemetery (\$14,987.50). Mr.

Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to accept the quote from Erie Blacktop. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill presented a quote from Glendhill for a new truck. The quote included a price from Rush Truck Sales for a new truck (93,388.85) and a price from Glendhill Road Machinery for the accessories (dump box/snow plow/hitch/etc...). That quote as for \$91,365.00. All quotes are at State pricing. Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approved both quotes and proceed with the purchase. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Neill presented Resolution 2022-05: A Resolution to participate in the ODOT Purchasing Program.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve Resolution 2022-05. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Riesterer – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Neill reported that the Road Department continues to clean ditches and install culverts throughout the Township.

Mr. Neill discussed the proposed paving work on Old Railroad and will attempt to perform the work within the department.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer reported that Mr. Smarsh in Whites Landing now has 31 vehicles on his property. Mr. Schaeffer will pursue action.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed a request to vacate a right of way in Bay Bridge. There will be further discussion on this issue as the resident provides additional information.

Mr. Schaeffer discussed a Township resident that currently is operating a 'backyard campground' on Old Railroad. Mr. Schaeffer will reach out to Sue Brown from the Prosecutor's Office for guidance.

**Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Fire Department:**

Chief Johnson provided an update on the squad repairs. He will seek quotes for the brake and suspension airbag repairs.

Chief Johnson requested to hire two part-time firefighters for watch time. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to approve the hire of Nicholas Thurston and Miguel Tackett pending submission of proper paperwork. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Johnson once again discussed the fourth man slot for the period of 6/1/2022 thru 9/1/2022. The Trustees agreed to discuss further at future meetings.

Chief Johnson reported that all cameras have been install at the park and are operational.


**Board Items:**

Mr. Bias presented vacation requests for Dean Gasser (144 hours), Mike Jesberger (72 hours), and Rob Street (24 hours). Mr. Riesterer moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the vacation request. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias provided an update on the Lions Park bathroom project. There was discussion on sealing the flooring or putting an epoxy finish on it. The Trustees agreed to just seal the flooring.

Mr. Bias' moved, seconded by Mr. Riesterer to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM

  
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Gary Pooch, Chairman

  
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Robert Day, Fiscal Officer