

September 17, 2026

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on September 17, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Present were Mr. Pooch, Mr. Cullen and Mrs. Keegan. The pledge of allegiance was recited

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2026 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mrs. Keegan 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 Mrs. Keegan to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Barb Weyer, Township Resident/Village of Castalia Council:

Mrs. Weyer express appreciation to Kelly Ried and Bob Biglin for their assistance to the Village of Castalia with the OPWC Grant application.

Mrs. Weyer discussed the Road Maintenance Contract between the Village of Castalia and Margaretta Township. The Township Trustees proposed the following amounts for the term of the three-year contract: 2027 - \$64,000; 2028 - \$68,000; 2029 - \$72,000. In addition there will be a \$3,500 annual stipend for the services of the Road Superintendent. Mrs. Weyer will present those amounts to the Village Council.

Kelly Ried, Administrative Assistant/Zoning Inspector:

Mrs. Ried discussed the status of the house on Miller Road that was being constructed for Justin Shellhammer by the Helping a Hero Program. The house is in disrepair and construction has halted. Mr. Shellhammer is requesting a refund of the \$50 fence permit. The Trustees agreed to refund. Mr. Day will verify payment was received.

Mrs. Ried discussed the moratorium the Township passed regarding short-term rentals and whether or not it should be rescinded. The Trustees tabled the issued until a future meeting.

Mrs. Ried discussed the Gary Smith property on Deyo Road and his claim that it is a pollinator garden. Mr. Smith has requested a meeting to discuss. Mrs. Ried will report at a future meeting.

Mrs. Ried reported that the commercial property on Homegardner Road (Pat Sengstock's old beauty shop) is being considered for a change in zoning from commercial to R3/Agriculture. She asked the Trustees is only on fee of \$350 should be charged or if a fee should be charged for each parcel. The Trustees agree that only one fee is needed.

Mrs. Ried reported that the new phones have been received and training will begin soon.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin was not in attendance.

Mr. Pooch reported that the quote from Pollen Equipment to repair the clutch on the road mower is \$17,000. Mr. Biglin will check on possible warranty coverage.

Mr. Biglin will reach out to Butch Ruthsatz for possible easement on the property he intends to purchase from the Township. The easement will allow the Township access to the catch basin that will now be located on his property.

Robert Street, Interim Fire Chief:

Chief Street discussed the ongoing repairs to MT#111 and MT#121. All repairs have been completed and vehicles are back in service.

Chief Street reported that a donation of \$5,433 was received from the Sandusky Amvets and will be used for the purchase of new pagers.

Chief Street reported that the old generator at the fire station has been disconnected and installation of the new one is pending. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to declare the old generator at the fire station and the road maintenance building as surplus and to be disposed of properly. Vote: all ayes.

The Trustees expressed appreciation to Fresch Electric for their donation of a used generator to the Road Department.

Chief Street reported that the Life Pack 35 has recalls and he will contact Stryker to handle the repairs.

Chief Street discussed the Class A/B uniform upgrades. The Firefighters Association will share the cost and Chief Street will present quotes at a future meeting.

Chief Street reported that the fire department will assist with upcoming safety meetings at the new school as well as other events prior to the opening of the new school.

Chief Street discussed the current roster count and how high he is permitted to go on the roster numbers. The Trustees agreed that the current cap should be limited to 32 and will be revisited at a later date.

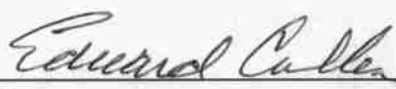
Board Items:

Mr. Pooch discussed issues addressed at the recent ETCA meeting. No issues needed Board approval.

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to return to Regular Session. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer