

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on March 19, 2026 at 1:00 PM

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

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2026 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve and sign the warrants and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Tom Dusza, Candidate for Erie County Municipal Court Judge:

Mr. Dusza provided a brief bio of his work history and requested support in the upcoming election on May 5th.

Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:

Mrs. Weyer discussed the traffic concerns with the new school.

Brandon Elliott, Falcon Forge AI:

Mr. Elliott presented information on AI/Cybersecurity requirements per House Bill 96 (HB96). Mr. Day indicated that OTARMA has provided information and resolution templates to member townships to insure compliance.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the possibility of property development in the Industrial Park. He will refer to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Katie Maloney, Zoning Compliance Officer:

Mrs. Maloney was not in attendance.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett provided an update on MT#142 and the status of the wrapping of the truck. It is in progress and will be completed the week of 3/31/26.

Chief Jett reported that MT#100 (2017 Explorer) is back in service complete with new engine.

Chief Jett reported that he has one application for the firefighter vacancy and will continue the search.

Chief Jett requested to hire Steve Sheehan as a part-time firefighter. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve the hire of Steve Sheehan pending submission of all necessary paperwork and passing of the physical. Vote: all ayes.

Captain Dean Gasser inquired as to the status of the correcting the HRA payments with Consumer Driven Administrators (CDA) for 2025. Mr. Day will work with CDA to correct.

Kelly Ried, Township Board Secretary:

Mrs. Ried presented Resolution 2026-06: A Resolution adopting Kelly Ried as the Township representative to the Erie Metro Park Grant process. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan, to approve Resolution 2026-06. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

Mrs. Ried requested a representative from the Township for the Memorial Day Program. Mrs. Keegan volunteered.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin presented quotes for the purchase/trade of Ferris Mowers from Bill's Implement. They are:

60" Ferris \$8,999	Trade of used Ferris (\$4,700)	\$4,299
52" Ferris \$8,999	Trade of used Ferris (\$4,300)	\$4,699
<u>Discount from Bill's Implement</u>		<u>(1,000)</u>
Total Cost of purchase/trade – 2 Ferris Mowers)		\$7,998

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve the trade/purchase of the two Ferris Mowers from Bill's Implement. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin presented the 2026 Road Work Plan and potential costs for each option. He will contract Hula Construction regarding the possible hauling of grindings.

Mr. Biglin reported that the flooring in the cemetery office is in need of replacement. He will seek quotes for various options.

Mr. Biglin will present quotes at a future meeting regarding renting a screener in July/August to clean up the dirt piles in the cemetery.

Mr. Biglin discussed the options for pouring a concrete pad in the spring for the composting area. He will present options on the size and design at a future meeting.

Board Items:

Mr. Cullen discussed the items presented at the Erie County Township Association meeting held on March 12th. They included the approval of billing each Township \$100 annually for their membership. Also discussed was the consideration of a 1% sales tax for the funding of a regional fire district.

Mr. Day reported that the Township's insurance premium with Paramount will take a 29.2% increase on May 1st. He indicated that all employees will need to complete the Form Fire to allow Assured Partners/Gallagher to seek quotes for coverage.

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch, to move to Executive Session to discuss Personnel matter and legal issues. 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 12:35 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer