

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on April 16, 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 April 2, 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

Pete Schade/Bob England, Erie County Health Department:

Mr. Schade and Mr. England discussed the issues with Edgewater Mobile Home Park in Whites Landing. They will work with the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding Ohio Revised Code violations as well as local health code violations.

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell was present as an observer

Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:

Mrs. Weyer reported that the Village is drafting a new contract for the maintenance services provided by the Township. It will once again be a three-year contract and will be presented at a future meeting.

Mrs. Weyer extended appreciation from the Village to Kerry Jett for his service as the Fire Chief and wished him well upon his retirement.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett presided over the swearing in of Robert Street and Matthew Stacy to the position of Lieutenant.

Chief Jett reported that MT#121 is waiting on brake module and hopes to have the issue resolved soon.

Chief Jett reported that the A/C repairs on MT#111 are being addressed and Ron Malott will oversee the work.

Chief Jett requested to have the old MT#142 (2013 GMC Sierra pick up) declared as surplus and offered for sale. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to declare the 2013 GMC Sierra as surplus and offered for sale on the Township Website and Facebook page with a minimum bid of \$6,500 to be opened via sealed bid at 7:10 PM during the 5/21/26 regular meeting. Vote: all ayes.

Kelly Ried, Township Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant:

Mrs. Ried requested the Board to proceed with the migration/installation of OPEN-KM, which is the records retention program used to meet the public records retention requirements. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the installation of OPEN-KM. Vote: all ayes.

Mrs. Ried reported that the Erie Metro Park Grant has been submitted to cover the cost of netting at the Board of Education Field and the cost of multiple door replacements. She also reported that Field C is in need of additional dirt/stone mixture to assist in the draining of that field. Quotes will be sought for the mixture.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin requested an hourly rate increase for Xander Bohn effective 4/18/26 as Xander obtained his CDL licensure. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to increase the hourly rate of pay for Zander Bohn by \$2.00/hour effective 4/18/26 for the passing of his CDL licensure. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Biglin reported that the transfer switch for the generator at the Road Department is in need of repairs. Fresch Electric will handle the repairs.

Board Items:

Mr. Pooch presented quotes to repair the roof at the Fire Department. The quotes were:

Damschroder Roofing \$64,155.45 (1/2" boards/replace all insulation/25 year warranty)

Tussing Construction \$56,587.00 (1/4" decking/replace only wet insulation/20 year warranty)

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to accept the quote from Damschroder Roofing of \$64,155.45. Despite the higher price, the Board indicated that all of the insulation would be replaced, the boards would be twice as thick, and the warranty is five years longer. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Day reported that the Township only has one levy up for renewal in the next year. That is a 2.0 mill fire levy that can be placed on the ballot for the first time in November of 2026. He will proceed with contacting the Erie County Prosecutor's Office for the appropriate resolutions.

Mr. Cullen reported that the Blue Ribbon Committee will host a meeting regarding the potential regionalization of fire/EMS services. They are requesting a representative from each entity be present. Mrs. Keegan will attend.

Mr. Day, per the requirements of the union contract, discussed the healthcare issues. The Township is faced with an approximate increase in premiums of 32% effective May 1st and will present options to the union in the future to help curtail the costs.

Mr. Cullen extended the appreciation of the Board to Kerry Jett as he retires from his position of Fire Chief and this is his last official meeting in that position. Mr. Cullen also announced that effective 5/1/26 Lt. Robert Street will serve in the capacity of Interim Fire Chief until a permanent individual is named.

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer