

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on June 4, 2026 at 7:00 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 May 21, 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

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell inquired as to when the debris at the Miller Road underpass will be addressed. He was informed by Mr. Biglin that it would be cleaned up in the next few days.

Mark Stacy, Township Resident:

Mr. Stacy was in attendance as an observer.

Tom Keimer, Township Resident (Former Fired Chief):

Mr. Keimer voiced concern over EMS Services and lack of staffing on the Township Fire/EMS Department. He also questioned what financial direction the Township Fire Department is headed in regards to buildings and equipment. Mr. Keimer also raised concerns on the mutual aid provided to Bay View. Indicating that providing that service reduces the care available to Margaretta Township residents.

Mr. Keimer inquired as to why memorial donations are not acknowledged in a timely manner. He was informed that the acknowledgements are the responsibility of the Fire Fighters Association and his concerns would be relayed to them. Mr. Keimer asked if a 75th anniversary for the Fire Department has been planned. That concerns will be addressed with the Interim Fire Chief Rob Street.

Tom Johnson, Township Resident (Former Fire Chief):

Mr. Johnson questioned when/if a meeting would be held with fire fighters would be held to address concerns on staffing and the hiring of a new chief. He was informed that a meeting would be held in the near future.

Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:

Mrs. Weyer inquired if the Township was aware of Lifewise possibly opening a school on West Lucas Street. The Board indicated they had no knowledge of this proposal.

Mrs. Weyer questioned how Park Board members are selected and what projects are proposed in the future for the Park. She was provided a list of projects and the Park Board selection/appointments were provided.

John Schaeffer, Township Resident/Park Board Member:

Mr. Schaeffer continues to gather quotes for the Park projects and will present at next meeting.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer had no items to report on.

Robert Street, Interim Fire Chief:

Chief Street was no in attendance and there were no items to address.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin reminded all that Recycle Day is scheduled for Saturday June 13th from 8:00 to noon. All arrangements have been made.

Mr. Biglin presented that annual billing from the Erie County Engineer's Office for road work in the township. The cost for 2026 will be \$7,700.

Mr. Biglin reported that the recycling contract with Republic Services will expire on 9/15/26 and that the contract will not be renewed. He will reach out to Erie County to inquire if they wish to continue the recycling program. If they want to continue recycling in Margaretta Township, the Township will provide space, but the continued cost will be a contract between the County and Republic Services.

Mr. Biglin reported that the cost of asphalt for 2026 with Erie Blacktop has increased from \$74.00 /ton to \$77.50/ton. Mr. Biglin informed the Board that the road mowing will be completed by 6/15/26 and the overall time to complete a round of road mowing has decreased significantly with the new mower. Thus saving the Township fuel costs along with the reduced wear and tear on equipment.

Mr. Biglin requested to hire new summer employees as the two previously proposed candidates backed out of their offers. He requested to hire Carter Kelley and Jack Wright at a rate of \$12.00/hour effected immediately to help with cemetery maintenance/mowing. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to hire both upon proper submission of required paperwork. Vote: all ayes

Board Items:

Mr. Cullen discussed applying for the Erie County Economic Development Grant to cover costs of Park improvements. Mr. Cullen indicated that the OTA membership fees and roster need to be updated for 2026. Mr. Day will take care of that.

The Board discussed the filling of the vacant Zoning Compliance Officer position and Zoning Inspector due to recent resignations. Mr. Cullen discussed the recommendations of the Board that these duties be handled by the Road/Cemetery Departments. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to appoint Road Superintendent Bob Biglin and Administrative Assistant Kelly Ried a Zoning Officers effective 7/1/2026 at a rate of \$600/month for each of them. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Day presented that Intergovernmental Agreement with Erie County for acceptance of the \$125,000 Gas Tax Grant for 2026. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve the agreement. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer