

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on January 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM**

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

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel issues and legal matters. Roll call vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to move to Regular Session. Roll call vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026 meeting and the Organizational Meeting held on 1/6/2026 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

**Lilly Belak, Margaretta High School Senior:**

Ms. Belak was in attendance as an observer to support her efforts in obtaining a scholarship.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Mr. Cullen discussed the Zoning Board meeting that took place on Monday 1/12/26 at 7:00 PM to discuss the issue of short term rentals in the Township. He indicated that the Board will continue to meet so as to finalize the regulations on short-term rentals in the Township. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/9/26 at 7:00 PM.

**Katie Maloney, Zoning Compliance Officer:**

Mrs. Maloney was not in attendance.

**Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:**

Bob Day provided an update on the status of the new truck lease/purchase from Valley Truck Center. All paperwork has been submitted and a pick up time will be arranged.

Chief Jett discussed the snow plow repairs. The Board stated they will not spend funds on repairs or a new plow. If plowing is needed at the fire station, the Road Department will handle that.

Chief Jett discussed the need for medics/EMTs to wear masks while servicing patients during this flu season.

**Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:**

Mr. Biglin presented the 2025 Activity Report for the cemeteries that included burials and plot sales.

Mr. Biglin discussed road work projects for 2026. He will follow up with OPWC regarding the grant for Parker Road paving. Mr. Biglin also indicated that they may consider renting a small paver to perform work in the Rockwood/Briarcrest subdivision.

Mr. Biglin reported that Janotta & Herner will prepare plans and options for the proposed new maintenance building. Mr. Biglin will meet with Republic Services on 1/20/26 at 10:00 AM to discuss the recycling program. The County has been invited as well.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Cullen acknowledged Chief Jett's retirement notice and that his last date worked will be 4/30/26. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to accept the resignation of Chief Jett. Vote: all ayes.

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

Mrs. 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 12:25 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer