

DECEMBER 18, 2025

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on October 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2025 meeting as presented by Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Diane Keegan, Newly elected Trustee:

Mrs. Keegan was present as an observer.

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell was present as an observer.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Katie Maloney, Code Enforcement Officer:

Mrs. Maloney was not in attendance.

Kelly Ried, Cemetery/Road Admin Asst:

Mrs. Ried provided an overview on the Wreaths Across America program that took place at the Castalia Cemetery on 12/13/25 and thanked all those that participated.

Mrs. Ried inquired about the appointees for the various Boards for the year of 2026. Mr. Pooch informed her that those appointments would be made at the Organizational Meeting on 1/6/26.

The Trustees recognized Brenda Ried and Kelly Ried for their efforts in making the Wreaths Across America event a success.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett presented a quote for 4 pairs of fire boots from Atlantic at a cost of approximately \$2,200.00.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the purchase. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett requested to promote Firefighter Michael Abner from part-time to full-time Firefighter/Medic effective 1/3/2026 pending necessary paperwork. Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the promotion of Michael Abner effective 1/3/26. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett requested to purchase 5 replacement flashlights and 2 headlamps at an approximate cost of \$542.00. Mr. Cullen moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve the purchase. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett discussed the repairs needed to MT#100 (2017 Ford Explorer) and it was determined that the engine was blown and the cost to replace the engine is in excess of \$14,000. The Trustees agreed that the cost for engine replacement was excessive for a vehicle that old. Chief Jett presented a quote from Valley Truck Center for a 2025 Ford F250 4-door pick-up truck at a cost of \$50,737.00. This quote is based on State Pricing. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to proceed with the lease/purchase of the 2025 Ford F250 from Valley Truck Center in the amount of \$50,737.00 and authorized Fiscal Officer Robert Day to act on behalf of the Township to secure the purchase. Vote: all ayes.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Department:

Mr. Biglin requested to put Township identification stickers on all road signs. He will obtain quotes for the cost of the stickers and present at a future meeting.

Mr. Biglin discussed the possibility of the Township vacating a portion of Snow Drive that leads to the Buchanan property or granting an easement to the Buchanans.

Mr. Biglin will seek pricing from Rumpke for recycling services in the Township.

Board Items:

Mr. Pooch presented Resolution 2025-13: A Resolution accepting the recommendations of the Zoning Compliance Officer to accept the International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to adopt Resolution 2025-13. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bias–yes; Mr. Cullen–yes; Mr. Pooch–yes.

Mr. Day reported that payment of \$160,000 was received from American Tower which granted the easement to American Tower in lieu of monthly payments over the next 13 years.

Mr. Bias discussed potential wind turbines in the Township. Diane Keegan, based on her experience as the Margaretta School Treasurer, offer an explanation.

Mr. Day indicated a motion by the Board was necessary to allow Mrs. Keegan’s insurance coverage to become effective 1/1/2026. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve insurance coverage for newly elected Trustee Diane Keegan effective 1/1/2026. Vote: all ayes.


Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to promote Road Department Employee Xander Bohn to full-time status effective 1/1/2026. Vote: all ayes with Mr. Cullen abstaining due to family relationship.

Mr. Pooch and Mr. Cullen recognized and thanked Mr. Bias for his 22 years of service as a Trustee to the Township as this was his final meeting. Mr. Bias was presented with a plaque.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer