

**The Margaretta Township Trustees met on February 5, 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 January 15, 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

**Jim Neill, Township Resident:**

**Andy McDowell, Western Reserve Land Conservancy:**

Mr. Neill and Mr. McDowell discussed the aspects of placing land in a conservation program. Mr. Neill and his wife Mary Lou are considering putting their farm land in the conservation program. They requested a resolution from the Township in support of this proposed action.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2026-04: A Resolution to approve the support of Margaretta Township for Jim and Mary Lou Neill to place their farmland located in Margaretta Township in a conservancy program administered by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

**Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:**

Mrs. Weyer expressed her appreciation to Mr. Biglin and the Road Department for their efforts on the roads in the Village.

**Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:**

Mr. Cockrell also expressed his thanks to the Road Department for maintaining the roadways in the Township during the recent stretch of bad weather.

**Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:**

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Mr. Cullen discussed the progress the Zoning Board has made in regards to the issue of short term rentals in the Township. The discussion included locations/areas in the Township such rentals would be permitted; the amount of fees and permits to be charged; and the amount of fines to be charged in the event of violations.

Mr. Cullen also discussed the issue of barns being built on properties prior to the construction of a home. There will be further discussion on this matter at a later meeting.

**Katie Maloney, Zoning Compliance Officer:**

Mrs. Maloney was not in attendance.

**Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:**

Chief Jett discussed the issues with MT#100 and inquired to future plans for the vehicle. It was agreed that MT#100 will be towed to the Road Department for further evaluation by Matt Studer.

Chief Jett discussed how the new F350 pick-up will be detailed. It was determined that the new truck will use the equipment from MT#100 and the only new purchased will be the computer and mount. The light bar will transferred from MT#100 to the new truck as well and mounted on a Headache Rack as opposed to drilling holes in the cab of the truck. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the purchase of a new computer/mount along with the Headache Rack. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett requested to have the pay rates for part-time firefighters increased to \$20.00/hours for EMTs and \$24.00/hour for Medics to keep in line with area fire departments. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the pay rate increases for the part-time firefighters retroactive to January 1, 2026. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett informed the Board of restroom repairs at the fire station that will cost approximately \$400.

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

Mr. Biglin discussed the recycling grant with Republic Services. The Township received new pricing at a significant reduction. He informed the Board that the County is not interested in oversight of the contract and does not wish to be billed directly. They prefer the contract to remain with the Township and continue with reimbursement. However, there is no guarantee for reimbursement from the County and the Township could potentially be on the hook for the balance of the contract. The Trustees agreed that they will continue with the current contract until it expires in September.

Mr. Biglin reported that they will over-seed areas of the cemetery in the spring when the weather breaks.

Mr. Biglin discussed pricing from Janotta & Herner on the proposed new maintenance building.

**Board Items:**

Mr. Cullen reported that contracts for the Concession Stand and mowing services at the park will be presented at the next meeting for review/approval.

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. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to return to Regular Session. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

Mr. Day submitted Resolution 2026-05: A Resolution approving the payment of 67% of the healthcare insurance deductible through the Township's Healthcare Reimbursement Account with Consumer Driven Administrators. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve Resolution 2026-05. 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 10:20 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer