

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on February 19, 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 February 5, 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

Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:

Mrs. Weyer discussed the Safe Routes to School and possible grant opportunities.

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell also expressed his thanks to the Fire/EMS Department for the service they provide to the Township during the recent stretch of bad weather.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer discussed the issue of short term rentals in the Township and the possibility of not allowing short-term rentals. He will work with Erie Regional Planning and the issue will be tabled until a future meeting pending proper language for a resolution.

Katie Maloney, Zoning Compliance Officer:

Mrs. Maloney was not in attendance.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett provided an update on MT#142 and will provide quotes for decals. The Firefighters Association offered to pay the difference to have the new truck wrapped. Chief Jett will provide to compare striping vs. wrapping.

Chief Jett reported that the new truck will have the bed liner sprayed at a cost of approximately \$700.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to declare the Fire Department snow plow and all attachments as surplus and dispose of to the highest bidder. Vote: all ayes.

Chief Jett reported that Braun will have the box on the new squad out of service to repair blistering in the paint. This will occur in the spring.

Chief Jett discussed the status of MT#100. Matt Studer provided quotes from Lakeland Auto & Marine (\$13,620.17) and Caranfa Ford (\$13,395.90) to replace the engine/turbos with extended warranty. The quote from Lakeland was more extensive and in line with the needs of the department. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to have Lakeland Auto & Marine repair MT#100 at a cost of \$13,620.17. The motion also included declaring the current fire department pickup truck as surplus and sold upon repair of MT#100. Vote: all ayes.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin was not in attendance.

Board Items:

Mr. Cullen discussed the process for filling the Fire Chief vacancy pending the retirement of Chief Jett. The Board reviewed information from Ohio Fire Chief's Association (Frank Cook) and Resource Management Consultants (Rudy Ruiz). The Board will consider utilizing one of these services to assist in the search of a Chief.

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer