

July 16, 2026

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on July 16, 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 July 2, 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

Kierston Rospert, Goodwill Industries community Development Manager:

Ms. Rospert presented info regarding the various programs at Goodwill and inquired if donation bins previously located across the street from the Castalia Market could be placed on Township property as the previous location had been shut down. The Trustees agreed to allow the Goodwill donation bins to be placed at the fire station.

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell inquired about the number of tons of tires collected on recycling day. He was informed that over 80 tons of tires were collected along with multiple appliances and batteries. All of the costs of the Recycling Day are to be reimbursed by a grant from Erie County.

Barbara Weyer, Township Resident: In attendance as an observer

Kelly Ried, Administrative Assistant/Zoning Inspector:

Mrs. Ried discussed the need to send letters to those residents in violation of the property maintenance regulations. She will provide a list to Trustees at a future meeting.

Mrs. Ried reported that township residents have raised concerns over the noise early in the mornings at the JP Builders location on Parker Road. Mr. Biglin will contact the owners to address.

Mrs. Ried requested to have the excess old computers/technology equipment remaining after the server upgrade to be declared as surplus and allow for proper disposal with Great Lakes IT Services. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to have the excess computer/technology equipment be declared as surplus and be properly disposed of by Great Lakes IT Services. Vote: all ayes.

Robert Street, Interim Fire Chief:

Chief Street reported that the Fire Department is preparing for the upcoming Cold Creek Festival as well as the upcoming Ironman Competition. The Department will provide additional manpower to assist.

Chief Street reported that the three new employees recently hired are nearing the completion of their orientation and will soon be ready to be placed on the part-time on-call list and fill vacant shifts due to vacations/absences.

Chief Street reported that an inspection of the new school will take place on 7/17/2026.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin reported that the applications for the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) 2027 road projects will be submitted. The proposed roads will be Bardshar Road, Heywood Road, and Thicket Road.

Mr. Biglin reported that he will be sending a letter to Erie County that the Township is terminating the contract with Republic Services for recycling. He will inform the County Solid Waste Division that if the County wishes to continue the contract, it will be strictly between the County and Republic Services. The Township will provide space for the recycling bins, but a maintenance fee of \$300-\$500/month will be charged to clean-up excess debris around the bins.

Mr. Biglin discussed the road resurfacing projects that were bid recently. The bids for Parker Road was \$109,613.65. The County Engineer's estimated cost was \$130,000. The Trustees recommended to have Erie Blacktop extend the amount of paving that the \$130,000 County estimate would cover. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to accept the bid from Erie Blacktop for \$109,613.65. Vote: all ayes. It was also noted that additional paving on Parker Road in the amount of \$20,386.35 (\$130,000 - \$109,613.65) will be covered by Township funds to extend the amount of paving on Parker Road to reach the \$130,000 County estimate.

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to reject the bids from Erie Blacktop for Maple Avenue and Briarcrest/Rockwood projects as those roads will be paved by the combined crews from Margaretta, Groton, and Oxford Townships. Mr. Biglin will inform the County of these decisions.

Mr. Biglin discussed the drainage issues in Sunny Meade development. He will check the catch basin on the corner of Northwest and Brunner Roads.

Board Items:

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2026-10: A Resolution to adopt EMS billing rates as proposed by MediCount (the Township's provider of EMS billing services). Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve Resolution 2026-10. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2026-11: A Resolution to proceed and submit to the electors of Margaretta Township the renewal of the 2.0 mill Fire Levy. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve Resolution 2026-11. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Keegan – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes.

Mr. Day reported that Carolyn Hauenstein from Serving Our Seniors of Erie County requested to use the Township Hall for 'Balanced Training Courses' for senior citizens during the month of October. The meetings will be for 2 hours each twice a week for four weeks. The Board has no problem with the use of the hall by Serving Our Seniors. Mr. Day will coordinate the dates/times.

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

Mr. 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 2:40 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer