

September 4, 2025

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on September 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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 August 21, 2025 meeting as presented by the 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

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell inquired if the house on Mason Road next to Sand Hill Cemetery will be rebuilt. He was informed that it was in a fire and will be reconstructed at some point.

Mr. Cockrell as is the dips/humps on Miller/Bardshar Road intersection will be repaired. He was informed that this is a fall project after the paving is completed.

Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:

Mrs. Weyer discussed the Safe Routes to School and the upcoming meeting.

Mrs. Weyer inquired as to the purpose of the new 1.0 Mill Fire Levy on the upcoming ballot. The Board provided a basis for the levy.

Mrs. Weyer discussed the issues with North Central EMS and Fisher Titus Hospital. Additional information will be provided at an upcoming meeting hosted by North Coast EMS and Fisher Titus.

Mark Stacy, Township Resident:

Mr. Stacy was there as an observer.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer reported that the owners of Ohio Diesel inquired about the lot on St Rt 269 south of 3rd Base as they wish to expand their commercial property. Mr. Schaeffer will keep the Board updated.

Katie Maloney, Zoning Compliance Officer:

Mrs. Maloney was not in attendance.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett reported that he will proceed with the purchase of 4 sets of Fire Dex bunker gear from MES at a cost of \$12,696.00. This purchase was approved at a previous meeting.

Chief Jett provided quotes from Vasu to repair the tornado sirens in the Township. Discussion followed recommending the elimination of the sirens and for residents to get the app on their phone for notifications. Chief will meet with Sheriff on this issue.

Chief reported that the Fire Department will split the cost of supplies for Fire Prevention Week with Oxford and Groton Townships.

Chief Jett presented 3 firefighter/EMT employment applications for review. He will make recommendations at a future meeting.

Chief Jett requested to have the 28' extension ladder declared as surplus to allow for proper disposal/sale. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to declare the 28' extension ladder as surplus and place it for sale. Vote: all ayes.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin presented Resolution 2025-08: A resolution to appoint Gary Pooch as the representative to OPWC for the proposed Parker Road paving project in 2026. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve Resolution 2025-08. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Biglin reported that Kriemes Company will repair the parking lot at Lions Park prior to the fall baseball tournament on October 18th.

Mr. Biglin will obtain pricing to repair the flashing school sign on Maple Avenue.

Mr. Biglin reported that the large tree in the front yard of the Mike Kuns property on Miller Road is in the right-of-way and may need to be removed. He will contact Bay Area Tree Care to review.

Board Items:

Mr. Day presented Resolution 2025-07: A Resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Erie County Budget Commission for 2025. Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve Resolution 2025-07. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Collective Bargaining Negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bias – yes; Mr. Cullen – yes; Mr. Pooch – yes.

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

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Cullen to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer