

August 20, 2026

The Margareta Township Trustees met on August 20, 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 August 6, 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

Diane & Don Meyer, Township Residents (Teal Trail – Whites Landing):

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer discussed concerns re: proposed data centers and what the Township position on the data centers is. The Trustees explained that the Township has not been approached regarding this issue but would listen to proposals and relay the information to residents prior to making any commitments.

Richard Cockrell, Township Resident:

Mr. Cockrell inquired about the proximity of crops to the roadside in the township. Specifically at the corner of Miller Road and Maple Avenue. He was informed the crops were behind the right-of-way and were not in violation.

Kelly Ried, Administrative Assistant/Zoning Inspector:

Mrs. Ried presented an updated quote for the phone system from Data Voice Connect/Ring Central. The Trustees compared the new system proposal to existing Buckeye Telesystem. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to enter into an agreement with Ring Central. Vote: all ayes. Mrs. Ried will work with Ring Central to implement the transition.

Mrs. Ried reported that 15 property violation letters have been issued to residents and will continue to follow-up on the progress of those residents regarding the maintenance of their properties.

Mrs. Ried discussed the Board of Zoning Appeals Variance Hearing for Dan Harlow. Mr. Harlow was requesting a side-set-back variance from 15 feet to 3 feet. The Zoning Appeals Board denied the request.

Robert Street, Interim Fire Chief:

Chief Street discussed the applications for the open firefighter vacancy and indicated that he will keep the application period open for a longer period to enhance the number of candidates available.

Chief Street discussed mechanical issue with MT#121 as a result of a brakes overheating/igniting. He will gather pricing for the replacement of front tires and brakes.

Chief Street reported that fuel was found in the oil of MT#100. He will take back to Lakeland for repairs as they replaced the current engine and the warranty is still in force.

Chief Street discussed the need to update the Class A & B uniforms per union contract. He will seek quotes.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin discussed the possibility of replacing a new sign for the township at the fire station. The prices range from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The Trustees elected to repair the existing sign.

Mr. Biglin presented quotes for the new garage door at Lucas Street facility along with the replacement of existing garage door. The quotes were from Telemon Construction (\$24,100) and Tusing Construction (\$36,021). He is still waiting on the quote from Janotta & Herner. The Trustees will review once all quotes are completed.

Mr. Biglin discussed the repairs to the road mower. The clutch is in need of replacement and Polen Equipment will handle the repairs.

Mr. Biglin discussed the issues with the generator at the shop. He will seek quotes for a replacement as the current generator is old and in continual need of repairs.

Board Items:

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 12:55 PM.



Chairperson



Fiscal Officer