

October, 2021
Hello Claridon!

As usual, I'd like to remind you that you expressed interest in receiving up to 4 emails annually from the Township. For that, we are grateful..and proud that so many Claridon residents want to stay informed with our community. If you wish to be removed from this list, simply let me know.
-Jonathan Tiber, Claridon Township Trustee. 216-276-8342

In this email;

- Information on the proposed 5-year road levy (on the ballot this Tuesday).
- Invite to get a little more involved with our community via one of three ways.
- Dates of interest.

Levy

Your current Board of Trustees are not fans of proposing levies unless absolutely necessary. We urge you to call one of us and ask questions as trustees must justify asking residents for more funding. Below is some information about the levy. We hope it answers questions which you may have. Contact us if you have any questions after reading this.

Term Levy

Unlike so many county levies, this a short term levy, not a continuous forever levy. This affords Claridon residents to hold the board accountable in 5 years should it go up for renewal. If residents feel they spent the funds wisely, you, the resident can vote to renew it. If you feel they spent it unwisely, you can vote against a renewal.

1.76 mills

This is the exact amount of millage we reduced off the last Fire Levy. 1.76 mills will cost approximately \$61.60 per \$100,000 home value per year. Also, in case you didn't know, the amount a resident pays in year one of collection for a levy is the same amount that resident pays in subsequent years. In other words, the dollar amount you pay does not increase when home value increases.

This levy will yield approximately \$156,000 annually. Currently, the Township collects approximately \$131,915 from inside and outside road millage. Out of the 16 Townships in the county, this is the lowest collection rate by far however, it is perhaps more relevant to judge how much a municipality collects for their roads if looked at per mile of road. Claridon collects approximately \$9,300 per mile of road annually (we are responsible for 14.165 miles of road). Claridon and Thompson collect close to the same amount per mile, the lowest rate of all townships in the county. For reference sake, Troy Township is 3rd lowest and collects approximately \$13,551 per mile and Bainbridge is highest and collects \$38,469 per mile. Our neighbors to the South, Burton Township, collects \$19,188 per mile.

30 Years of Cost Increases

Claridon collects on one single road levy. It is a continuous levy that was first authorized by residents in 1992.

It goes without saying that the costs of product such as fuel, equipment, vehicles and more as well as the cost of labor today looks quite different than in 1992.

This current Board of Trustees have stated in public meetings that we have a responsibility to take purposeful initiative and look at how we do business before solving financial challenges simply by asking residents for more funds. We encourage you to call us and ask what we have done to cut costs, streamline how we do maintenance, cut unnecessary spending and more. We work for you. That's is the meaning of a 'public servant'.

Community Involvement

One of my underlying goals from day one has been to get an old-school sense of community back into Claridon.

At the least, please come to our 2nd annual 'Get Down with the Town' community gathering on the first Sunday evening each August. Our first go at it was a great success. You can read about it and see pictures on our website <https://claridontownship.com/>

We are looking for residents to join one of three community groups. These groups can meet and individuals can be involved at their own pace. I highly encourage you to consider joining one of these groups. If you love Claridon like I do, please contact me about them.

Claridon Cemeteries Preservation and Beautification
Claridon Events
Claridon History

Dates of Interest

You can view dates on our website <https://claridontownship.com/> Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you!

On behalf of my fellow trustees, Mr. Roger Miller and Mr. Cooper Sherman, thank you for your interest in our wonderful community,

-Jonathan Tiber