

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS  
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 17, 2025**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Trustees- Jonathan Tiber, Cooper Sherman, Roger Miller and Fiscal Officer- Paula J. Hietanen.

Ms. Hietanen took roll call for attendance. Mr. Miller, Mr. Tiber and Mr. Sherman responded here.

**GUEST**

Mr. Don Rice, Metzenbaum Center, attended tonight's meeting. He reported that a total of 1,133 people received services in 2024. There were 423 people eligible to receive Family Home Based Supports to care for their loved ones. The youngest person was a newborn and the oldest was 92 years old. Their budget is approximately 18.5 million for 2025, 65% given from the Federal Government and 35% from Metzenbaum Center.

Jennifer Jones, from Geauga Trumbull Solid waste Management was also in attendance. She mentioned that recycling centers are funded from landfills and transfer stations and not county taxes. They are free of charge to Geauga and Trumbull County residents. The current contracts collect a fee of \$5.50 for every ton of trash created and buried in a landfill. The trash is shipped to adjacent counties (primarily Mahoning, Lake, Ashtabula and Stark). Their biggest program expenses are drop off site recycling (\$850,000), collection facility operations (\$500,000) and community grants (\$350,000).

**ZONING**

The BOT decided not to waive the fee for the county signs. The site of the location of the center was changed due to concerns of nearby residents.

**RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT BIG WIND AND SOLAR FARMS IN CLARIDON TOWNSHIP- 2025-12**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to approve a resolution asking the Geauga County Ohio Board of County Commissioners per SB 52, that no solar or wind farms considered "major utility facility" above 50 mw are to be constructed in Claridon Township, or overlap any township border from an adjoining township into Claridon Township. There was no discussion, and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

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**MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Stenger gave a verbal and written maintenance report.

**MOTION TO SPEND UP TO \$2000 WITH THE GEAUGA COUNTY  
ENGINEER'S OFFICE TO PURCHASE ROAD SALT AND HAVE DELIVERED  
BY ARMS TRUCKING 25-40**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to purchase up to \$2000 from the Geauga County Engineer's Office for road salt and to have Arms Trucking deliver it to Claridon Township.

There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

**FISCAL ITEMS**

Mr. Tiber mentioned that there were some invoices from 2022 for cemetery signs that have not been paid.

**MOTION TO PAY EASY SIGN \$1,152 FOR CEMETERY SIGNS PURCHASED  
IN 2022- 25-41**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to pay \$1152 to Easy Sign for unpaid cemetery signs.

There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO END THE TERM OF THE DEPUTY FISCAL OFFICE, KAREN  
HAWKINS, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 5, 2025 - 25-42**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to end the term of the deputy fiscal officer, Karen Hawkins effective February 5, 2025.

There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO PAY THE DEPUTY FISCAL OFFICE, KAREN HAWKINS,  
\$3512.60 FOR DECEMBER 16, 2024 to FEBRUARY 5, 2025- 25-43**

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Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to pay the deputy fiscal officer, Karen Hawkins \$3512.60 for December 16, 2024 to February 5, 2025 at a per diem rate of \$67.55 at 52 days.

There was no discussion, and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS- 25-44**

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills for warrant #11670 to #11682, and the electronic payment from #17 through #42, for a total expenditure of \$18,166.14.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE NOPEC ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS FOR 2025- 2025-13**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to accept the NOPEC Energized Community Grant funds for 2025. There was no discussion, and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

**MEETINGS**

Next Trustee meeting will be held on 03/03/25 at 6:00pm, the next GCTA dinner/meeting will be held on 4/09/25 in Munson Township. Arrival at 6:00p, dinner at 6:30p and meeting starts at 7:00p, Senior Trash Day will be held on May 7, 2025 with leftover trash being picked up on May 8, 2025, Trash drop off will be on May 10, 2025 from 8am to 11 am, and the next Zoning Commission meeting will be held on January 27, 2025 at 7pm.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN- 25-45**

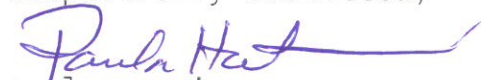
Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Tiber to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula J. Hietanen,  
Fiscal Officer



