

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

May 4, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present, Trustees- Eric Brindo, Jonathan Tiber, Roger Miller, and Fiscal Officer- Clint Hardman.

Mr. Hardman took a call for attendance. Mr. Brindo, Mr. Tiber and Mr. Miller responded here.

APRIL 20, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 26-109

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 4/20/2026 as written. There was no discussion, and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Brindo: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

ZONING

Zoning permit report for April was presented by Mr. Alusheff.

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Stenger presented the BOT with a written maintenance report.

MOTION FOR A CHANGE ORDER FOR ALL WAYS CONSTRUCTION FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000- 26-110

Motion by Mr. Brindo, second by Mr. Tiber to approve up to an additional \$10,000.00 for All Ways Construction, due to additional material needed during resurfacing of the Admin/Town Hall parking lot. There was a discussion that the initial overage invoice was for \$12,354.48 and that Mr. Brindo will be contacting the contractor to negotiate the invoice down to \$10,000.00, as approved during today's meeting. Roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Brindo: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

Mr. Brindo reported that one of the Town Hall outhouses has been removed, and the other one is in process of being refurbished. He also added that he is still awaiting a final quote for solar panels repairs.

Mr. Alusheff reported that Town Hall online booking and fillable contract is set up and will be released/live online soon. He is still researching electronic locks for Town Hall rentals and suggested for the Trustees to consider purchasing 2 runners for Town Hall to protect the flooring.

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ROADS

Mr. Miller reported that he is in process of applying for the OPWC grant for resurfacing of the Ensign Road (project to be completed in 2027). Due date for the application is 6/15/2026. He is also in process of obtaining a more detailed quote from Hazen Asphalt Paving and Sealcoat, for crack sealing of several township roads.

EVENTS

Mr. Tiber reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day parade, on May 25, 2026, at 9am.

FISCAL ITEMS

The BOT was presented with a detailed Fiscal Officer report, by Mr. Hardman

PAY BILLS

MOTION TO PAY BILLS- 26-111

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills for warrants #11994 to #11997, and the electronic payments from #116 to #128, for a total expenditure of \$91,954.99. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Brindo: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

CEMETERIES

Cemetery deeds for Karen and Kenneth Kline were presented and signed during tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION TO SPONSOR MR. JOE STENGER FOR LEADERSHIP GEAUGA
PROGRAM- 26-112**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Brindo to sponsor Mr. Stenger for Leadership Geauga program for up to \$3,000.00. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Brindo: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

MEETINGS

The next Trustee meeting will be held on 5/18/2026 at 6pm, next BZA meeting will be held on 5/14/26 at 6:30 pm, next Zoning Commission meeting will be held on 05/25/2026 at 7pm, next

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Road Superintendent breakfast/meeting will be held on 5/14/26 at 11am in Parkman Twp, and the next GCTA dinner/meeting will be held on 7/8/2026 at 6:30 pm in Chardon Township.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING-26-113

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Brindo to adjourn the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Brindo: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum for the purpose of discussing Property Taxes started at 6:30 pm. Mr. Tiber thanked Mr. Chuck Walder, Mr. Chris Hitchcock, Ms. Kate Jacob, Chief Justin Geiss (Chardon FD) and several members of the Geauga ADP for their attendance, and willingness to share valuable information during tonight's meeting. Mr. Tiber explained that this forum is strictly for educational/informational purposes, and not to persuade or dissuade anyone from voting for or against the possible abolishment of property taxes, if on a future ballot.

Mr. Walder presented a detailed overview of property tax components and how they are valued for each property in Geauga County. He explained how voted and unvoted levies work and how they affect property taxes. Unvoted 20 mill School Floor (Berkshire Local Schools), Voted Outside Millage Levies (schools, roads, police, fire/EMS, library, parks, etc.) and Unvoted Inside Millage Max 10 mills (45% to schools, 30% to Twp/Municipalities, 25% to County) were also discussed in detail. Mr. Walder also shared the full text of the proposed amendment to Section 14, for the Abolishment of Taxes on Real Property (if on a ballot). He stated that he believes that changes to property taxes should be made but doesn't believe that completely abolishing them would solve the ongoing problem. Abolishment of property taxes would take away necessary funding needed for Fire/EMS, police, road maintenance, cemeteries, and many other services local government agencies such as townships provide to residents. All services would have to be provided by the State.

Mr. Tiber agreed with Mr. Walder and stated that he believes that property taxes need to be reformed but not abolished. Lack of property tax funding will cause lack of funding for private Fire/EMS contracts, and police and road maintenance coverage, currently provided by local entities.

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Chief Geiss (CFD) explained how Fire/EMS contracts are formatted for each entity Chardon FD covers. He further explained that more homes are being built and brining more residents to our area, which prompts for more Fire/EMS staffing and more wear and tear on current equipment. Cost of living and cost of equipment is consistently going up, causing fire/EMS contracts to go up.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE 2 HR MEETING LIMIT- 26-114

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to extend the two-hour meeting limit. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Brindo: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Mr. Walder also explained that each property's value is evaluated every 6 years, in person by privately appraising contractors.

Mr. Walder and Mr. Hitchcock were able to answer several residents' questions regarding property taxes and how they can be improved.

Mr. Tiber thanked everyone for attending tonight's Public Forum meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC FORUM MEETING- 26-115

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Brindo to adjourn the Public Forum meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Brindo: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Clint Hardman
Fiscal Officer

