

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

June 15, 2026

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

Ms. Brindo took roll call for attendance. Mr. Brindo and Mr. Tiber responded here.

JUNE 1, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 26-138

Motion by Mr. Brindo, second by Mr. Tiber to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 6/1/2026 as written. There was no discussion, and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

GUEST

Mr. Ben Young, Chardon City Manager, was in attendance to discuss a proposal that could be mutually beneficial to Claridon Twp and Chardon Twp regarding Chardon Fire Department funding. Mr. Young stated that currently Chardon Fire/EMS services are funded through multiple separate property-tax levies across the jurisdiction, creating constant renewal cycles, limited long-term predictability, and increasing pressure on property owners (particularly those on fixed incomes). He further explained that there have been recent discussions at the state level about changing property taxes and modernizing the funding tools available at local governments. The Chardon Township Board of Trustees, along with the partnership from Claridon Board of Trustees, would like to consider requesting a state law change granting the option for Joint Fire Districts to levy modest income tax (.25%) using a framework similar to Joint Economic Development District (JEDD). Mr. Young believes that considering this approach would allow long term stability, unlike property tax levies, which must be renewed, and fluctuate based on changing property values. Small income tax would provide more predictable revenue sources that allows Chardon Fire Department confident future planning. He reiterated that this concept is dependent on State law changes and would require coordination with our legislators.

The BOT thanked Mr. Young for attending tonight's meeting and sharing all the valuable information that could be beneficial for residents of Claridon and Chardon Twp.

Chief Geiss, Chardon Fire Department, stated that he did further research regarding the State Fire Code, and found out that it is enforceable without any separate action needed from the Township.

MAINTENANCE

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



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AQUILLA VILLAGE

Mr. Tiber explained that the BOT would like to sell Aquilla Village Hall and several other vacant lots throughout the Aquilla Village. He further explained that the goal is for all the lots to be sold to neighboring property owners, "on first rights to neighbor" basis, at full market value basis. Thus far, 3 neighbors have shown interest in purchasing the lots. Mr. Tiber stated that one of the neighbors, Mrs. Renee Alusheff, is interested in purchasing the Village Hall and has already offered the appraised market value of \$37,500.00. Mrs. Alusheff, owner of Geauga Cleaning and Organizing, intends to use the Village Hall for her business. Due to the interested buyer being the spouse of Mr. Alusheff, Claridon Zoning Inspector, the legal team was contacted for advice. Ms. Krissy Rine's response was that she did not see any restrictions in the ORC prohibiting the sale of the Village Hall to Mrs. Alusheff. She also explained that second opinion from the Ethics Commission can be requested if the Claridon Trustees choose to do so. Mr. Tiber said (during the 6/1/2026 meeting) that in his opinion there was no need for a second opinion request from the Ohio Ethics Commission, even though the rest of the BOT voted to go ahead with the request for further clarification (against his opinion).

Mr. Brindo stated that getting a second opinion from the Ethics Commission won't hurt, since the end goal is the same for the entire BOT.

PERSONNEL

MOTION TO HIRE MS. RONDA KERN AS RENTAL CUSTODIAN AT \$200.00 PER MONTH- 26-139

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Brindo to hire Ronda Kern as rental manager at \$200.00 per month, effective June 16, 2026, and including a full month of pay for June 2026. There was and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

New Town Hall rental costs were discussed, and a decision was made to increase the costs.

MOTION TO ADOPT NEW TOWN HALL RENTAL FEES AS PRESENTED- 26-140

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Brindo to increase the Town Hall rental fees as presented effective immediately;

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Claridon Residents: \$100.00 rental fee

Non-residents: \$300.00 rental fee

Claridon Non-Profits: waived fee

Non Claridon non-profits: check with the rental manager.

There was a discussion that payments must be made by checks only, and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Brindo stated that he has been in contact with the County Engineer's Office and several other local townships regarding their culvert replacement policies and programs. Mr. Brindo would like Claridon Twp to have a policy in place that offers a lower cost culvert replacement for residents needing replacements prior to major road work projects. He explained that the residents would be only paying for all materials needed to complete the project, and the maintenance department would be providing free installation (labor). The Trustees would meet face to face with the homeowners needing replacements to explain the process, and costs associated with it.

Mr. Brindo also talked about the ongoing ditching obstructions along several roads. He stated that property owners with visible obstructions in their ditches (causing issues to surrounding properties) need to be notified to resolve the obstruction issues themselves. To hold them accountable, proper policies and procedures need to be in place. Mr. Brindo plans to present them during the next meeting.

Mr. Brindo presented a quote from a local contractor, Dirt Dynamics, with prices for different road projects to assist the maintenance department when needed. This quote included a set burial cost (no restoration service included), and equipment/operator weekly rate for ditching or any other road work needed.

FISCAL ITEMS

The BOT was presented with a Fiscal report from Ms. Brindo.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS- 26-141

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills for warrants #12018 to #12029, and the electronic payments from #158 to #167, for a total expenditure of \$117,219.85. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was called.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

CEMETERIES

MOTION TO ADOPT NEW CEMETERY PRICES AS PRESENTED- 26-141

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Brindo to adopt new cemetery plot and burial prices, as discussed and agreed upon during tonight's meeting, effective 8/1/2026.

GRAVE LOTS

Individual Grave Claridon/Aquilla Resident: \$450.00

Individual Grave Non-Residents: \$1,000.00

OPENING/CLOSING COSTS

Mon-Fri 10:00am-1:45am

Full Burial:	\$500.00	Non-Residents:	\$1,000.00
Infant:	\$150.00		
Single Ashes:	\$150.00		
Up to 3 Ashes:	\$300.00		

Mon-Fri 2:00pm-6:00pm

Full Burial	\$750.00	Non-Residents:	\$1,100.00
Infant:	\$200.00		
Single Ashes:	\$300.00		
Up to 3 Ashes:	\$450.00		

Saturdays until 5:00 pm (No Sunday or Holiday Burials)

Full Burial	\$750.00	Non-Residents	\$1,100.00
Infant:	\$200.00		
Single Ashes:	\$300.00		
Up to 3 Ashes:	\$450.00		

There was a brief discussion on how residency should be determined. Roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Tiber reported that installation of the new cemetery software by Geauga ADP team is in progress and is going well.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tiber briefly spoke about a recent luncheon with Ms. Amy Bevan, Geauga County Administrator, and Mr. Mark Jimison, Deputy County Administrator. The purpose of the luncheon was to discuss how the County Government officials and Local Government officials can connect easier to exchange ideas and support one another, to better serve communities.

Mr. Tiber also mentioned the passing of the House Bill 96. He added that the state already contributes approximately 10%-12% towards property taxes, and with the new provision an additional 10%-12% of property tax relief will be offered to property owners.

MEETINGS

The next Trustee meeting will be held on 7/6/2026 at 6pm, next Zoning Commission meeting will be held on 06/22/2026 at 6pm, 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-26-142

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Brindo
Fiscal Officer



