

CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

February 3, 2026

The regular trustee meeting of the Clay Township Trustees was called to order by Chairman, Angela Howell at 5:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence observed for our active military, veterans and first responders.

Roll: Angela Howell - Present Dale Winner - Present Mark Haworth - Present

Angela Howell presented the Special Trustee Minutes from 12/30/2025

Angela Howell made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Trustee Meeting 12/30/2025. Seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: Angela Howell – Yes Dale Winner - Yes Mark Haworth – Abstained

Angela Howell presented the minutes for the Regular Trustee Meeting 1/6/2026.

Angela Howell made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustee Meeting 1/6/2026. Seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: Angela Howell - Yes Dale Winner – Yes Mark Haworth – Yes

Public Comments: Public Comments moved to the end of the meeting.

Department Reports:

Police

Chief Birk presented the January 2026 Monthly PD Stats report. Chief states there were 146 warnings and 90 citations for January, compared to this time last year with 13 warnings and 9 citations. The PD is fully staffed and performing well.

Angela Howell made a motion to accept into record the January 2026 Monthly PD Stats report. Seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: All yes

Road and Cemetery

Chris Maleski presented the January 2026 monthly Arlington Cemetery report. The total monthly sales are \$7000. The Trustees thanked the Road department for all their hard work from the last snow fall and making sure the roads were safe.

Angela Howell made a motion to accept into record the January 2026 monthly Arlington Cemetery report. Seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: All yes

Zoning

Greg Stose presented the January 2026 monthly Zoning Administrator report. Total permit sales \$300. General discussion held to review current Zoning and Code Enforcements.

Angela Howell made a motion to accept into record the January 2026 monthly Zoning Administrator report. Seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: All yes

Angela Howell presented the BFD Monthly Operations Report for January 2026. Incorporated calls for Clay Township at 97 total and the Unincorporated area at 15 total.

Angela Howell made a motion to accept into record the Brookville Fire Department Operations Report for January 2026. Seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: All yes

Fiscal Officer Report

Vanessa Furrey presented the December 2025 Financial Package. All accounts are in balance. Vanessa went on to explain that we are up and running on UAN through the State of Ohio for payroll and running smoothly. Vanessa is currently working on the 2026 budget.

Angela Howell made a motion to accept into record the December 2025 Financial Package. seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: All yes

Angela Howell made a motion to approve the cemetery deeds as presented. Seconded by Dale Winner

Roll: All yes

No Unfinished Business

New Business:

Angela Howell presented Destruction Order #26-001 - equipment that is deemed obsolete and unserviceable for use by the Department and the Township.

Angela Howell made a motion to approve Destruction Order #26-001. Seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: All yes

Angela Howell presented Resolution 2026-008 Authorizing the Hiring of Travis Studzinski as a part-time police officer. Angela asked Chief Birk to detail the process and present Travis. Chief Birk presented the trustees with the entire process followed and advised of his recommendation to hire Travis.

Angela Howell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-008 Authorizing the hiring of Travis Studzinski as part-time police officer for Clay Township. Seconded by Dale Winner.

Roll: All yes

Angela Howell swore in Officer Travis Studzinski.

Dale Winner presented Resolution 2026-003 The Clay Township 2026 Salary/Benefit Fund Split.

Dale Winner made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-003 The Clay Township 2026 Salary/Benefit Fund Split. Seconded by Angela Howell.

Roll: All yes

Mark Haworth presented Resolution 2026-007 Determining to proceed to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for fire and emergency medical services, with input from Phillipsburg Chief Pat Aldrich. The levy will be at the rate of two and one half (2.5) mills for each one dollar of taxable value, which amounts to \$88 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's market value, for a continuous period of time, commencing in tax year 2026. This levy will be on the 5/6/2026 ballot.

Mark Haworth made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-007 - Determining to proceed to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for fire and emergency medical services. Seconded by Angela Howell.

Roll: All yes

Trustee Assignment Reports

Clay Township Cemetery Endowment Fund Initiative - Dale Winner explained that he has been looking into a Cemetery Endowment Fund Initiative, but not quite ready to present. Will present in an upcoming meeting.

Wellbaum Road Culvert Replacement Donation - Duane Heuker and Heuker Excavating has graciously donated all the time and equipment and materials used on the Wellbaum Road Culvert Replacement project during the summer of 2025. The estimated value of the donation is \$5000. Dale Winner presented a special letter of thanks to Heuker Excavating.

ST RT 49 Waterline/ Quik Trip Developement agreement Updates - Angela Howell discussed the project development agreement to be finalized for Quik Trip, a Work Session to discuss further is scheduled.

Updates on the Townships Opposition to the NWI proposal. Angela Howell discussed letters of support received from State Representative Rodney Creech and Harrison Township to keep Clay Township whole. Angela described her phone conversations with the Montgomery County BOE along with the Montgomery County Commissioners. She advised that the opposition letter with all resident signatures will be presented to the Montgomery County Commissioners. Angela thanked the community and all township staff for their hard work and dedication in coming together to support the township.

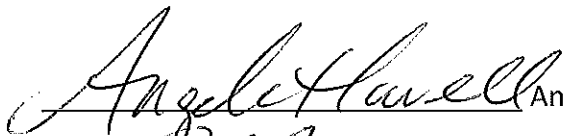
Public Comment:


Many community members spoke about the township split initiative and how it individually and collectively will affect all residents of Clay Township. Audio is available upon a public records request.

With no further business to discuss, Angela Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02P.M. Seconded by Dale Winner.

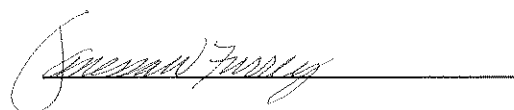
Roll: All yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

 Angela Howell, Chairman

 Dale Winner, Trustee

 Mark Haworth, Trustee

 Attested, Vanessa Furrey, Fiscal Officer