

CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

September 16, 2026

The Special Meeting of the Clay Township Trustees was called to order by Chairperson, Angela Howell at 4:30 P.M.

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

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

Public comment –

Tammy Jackson stated her concerns about her neighbors and protecting the property at 8170 Brookville-Phillipsburg Rd. Tammy requested any records related to the township leasing the land at this location.

Angela Howell responded indicating that the property at the stated address is still owned by its current owners, the township is not in possession of the land and has no intention of leasing anything, there are no records to provide. Angela stated the reason for the meeting today is to consider the recommendation from Chief Fletcher of the Brookville Fire Dept. to secure the property due to its unsafe condition.

New Business

Chief Birk introduced Connie with Funding Navigator to deliver a zoom presentation on an opportunity to partner with them to enhance our Police Department's grant options. Chief Birk explained the company has already helped the township secure funds for the Ballistic Shields purchased last year and has guided him throughout 2026 with understanding the processes for other grants applied for at no cost. The platform is easy to use, we still have control before submitting, and we will create the priority list that Funding Navigator will use to secure the grants we need to purchase our equipment, vehicles, or whatever the PD is in need of. Chief reports that the trial period is ending and he would like the Board to consider signing a contract for a 1 yr subscription to continue to explore the benefits of this relationship.

Connie informed the Board that Funding Navigator helps first responder departments work to find eligible grants from the Federal, State, and Private levels through their Law Enforcement Plan at a cost of \$4000 annually. The company will help Chief Birk through the entire process from start to finish, streamlining the process, building partnerships, and working through the difficulties of researching and writing the grant applications. General discussion was held and all questions answered.

Chief Birk recommended that if approved, we contract with Funding Navigator from November 1, 2026 - November 1, 2027 to capture the bulk of the upcoming funding season. Vanessa Furrey FO confirmed we have funds available to move forward. All Trustee questions were answered.

Angela Howell asked Chief Birk to inform Connie that we would like to move forward and to work on the agreement.

Dale Winner presented the Farm Land Lease options for the townships 22 acres, bids were opened at the Regular Trustees meeting September 1, 2026 and information was forwarded for board consideration. Dale reviewed the two sealed bids received from David Steck at \$228 per acre to pay \$5,016 per year and Stephan Bridenbaugh at \$250 per acre for a total of \$5,500 per year. General discussion held.

Dale submitted a recommendation to award the bid to Stephan Bridenbaugh solely due to the bid being at a higher rate. Both farmers are very well known in the community and do a wonderful job of caring for their land, the only difference to compare is the amount submitted.

Dale moved that we award the bid to Stephan Bridenbaugh for \$250 per acre for a total of \$5,500 annually for the next three years. Seconded by Angela Howell.

Roll: All Yes

Dale will communicate the results to both farmers and finalized the lease agreement.

Greg Stose presented a recommendation received from Chief Fletcher of the Brookville Fire Dept regarding 8170 Brookville Phillipsburg Road. He has stated this is an Unsafe Structure and is recommending that the Montgomery County Building Regulations Division and Public Health Dayton Montgomery County evaluate this structure for concurring opinion, and Clay Township Board of Trustees order the hazards here to be removed, repaired, or secured per Ohio Revised Code 505.86. Concerns for the residents at this property arose in April of 2024. Greg provided all reports and details for the recommendation and concern of safety for the residents at this property. Greg read the email from Chief Fletcher and both him and Chief Birk have met with the property owner since. Montgomery County Health reports reviewed. All details were discussed, questions were answered. Angela stated ORC 505.86 is the township's current guidance.

Angela Howell presented Resolution 2026-030 Providing for the Removal, Repair, or Securance of the residential structure located at 8170 Brookville-Phillipsburg Rd. per ORC 505.86. General discussion held.

Angela Howell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-030 Providing for the Removal, Repair, or Securance of the residential structure located at 8170 Brookville-Phillipsburg Rd. Seconded by Dale Winner.

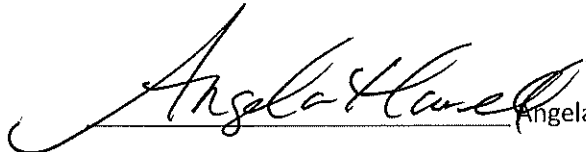
Roll: All Yes

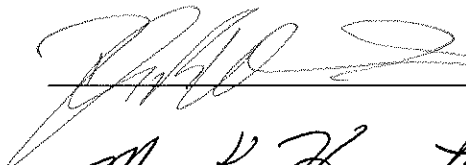
Angela Howell advised that Resolutions 2026-031 and 2026-032 were added to the agenda after the meeting notice was posted and can not be heard, they will have to be tabled to the next meeting. Vanessa Furrey requested a Special meeting to discuss supplemental appropriations and the assessment of the trash delinquencies.

Being there was no further business, Angela Howell made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:24 P.M., Seconded by Dale Winner.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 P.M.


Angela Howell, Chairperson


Dale Winner, Trustee


Mark Haworth, Trustee

Attested, Vanessa Furrey, Fiscal Officer