

DARBY TOWNSHIP  
April 2, 2026  
MEETING MINUTES

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The Darby Township Trustees met in special session Thursday, April, 2, 2026 at 8:00 am at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: James Scheiderer, David Huber, David Gruenbaum, and Connie Priday. Also present was Dennis Blumenschein and Mike Rausch.

Chairman Scheiderer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the March 9, 2026 regular meeting of the Darby Township Trustees were emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Gruenbaum seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

### **Zoning Secretary**

Mr. Rausch reminded the Trustees that he plans to resign his position as Darby Township Zoning Secretary if he is appointed to the Fiscal Officer position. A discussion ensued on possible BZA and BZC members who may have an interest in the Secretary position. The Trustees were asked to continue to think of individuals that would be qualified for the position. Information will be forthcoming.

### **2.0 Mill Fire Levy**

Mr. Scheiderer indicated that Darby Township has two fire levies with the 2.0 mill levy expiring at the end of 2026. He noted that collection for the 2.0 mill levy will be through 2027. A discussion ensued. Based on information from the Union County Auditor, Darby Township is expected to receive \$59,979 in 2026. Mr. Gruenbaum made a motion to request a Resolution of Necessity from Mr. Thayne Gray, which will include a renewal, a renewal with additional, and a replacement at 1.5 mill. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Further discussion was held with Mr. Gruenbaum rescinding the original motion. Mr. Huber seconded rescinding the original motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea, and Mr. Gruenbaum, yea. Motion unanimously passed. Mr. Gruenbaum made a motion to request a Resolution of Necessity for a renewal of 1.49 mills, renewal with an increase to 3.0 mills and an additional 1.5 mill levy with the existing 2.0 mill levy to expire. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Gruenbaum, yea. Motion unanimously passed. ***(As of April 7, 2026 Darby Township was informed that the levy that is expiring is the 3.0 levy not the 2.0 levy, which the County Auditor provided to the Township during her visit to in March. The 3.0 mill fire levy will be placed on the April meeting agenda to discuss further.)***

### **Misc. Items**

Playground Mulch - Mr. Scheiderer indicated that he received a bid for playground mulch from EMI in the amount of \$2,654.00. A discussion ensued with Mr. Huber making a motion to accept the proposal for playground mulch in the amount of \$2654.00, Mr. Gruenbaum seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea, and Mr. Gruenbaum, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

### Darby Township Meetings -

Discussion was held on the amount of meeting responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer, and what could be done to ease some of these responsibilities. Mr. Huber made a motion that Darby Township will meet two times a month beginning in June 2026. The meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month to begin at 8:00 am. Mr. Gruenbaum seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea, and Mr. Gruenbaum, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

### Meeting with Darby Township Resident and Misc. Zoning Items

Mr. Scheiderer indicated that he met with Ms. Ward and Mr. Roger Roush in regards to his nuisance property. The meeting went well with Mr. Roush sharing that his son would be assisting him in cleaning up the property.

It was reported that Mr. Cantor on Middleburg Plain City Road is removing his barn structure as it does not meet the requirements of the Union County Building Department.

Mr. Mark Marsh contacted Ms. Ward in regards to a barn that his neighbor has built. A discussion was held on the need for a permit for the barn. Information will be forthcoming.

Tree Trimming

Mr. Gruenbaum indicated that he spoke with Mr. Marty Nicol with Union Rural Electric (URE) and URE will trim some of the trees on Hidden Farm Road at no cost to Darby Township. Mr. Huber made a motion to allow URE to trim some of the trees on Hidden Farm Road. Mr. Scheiderer, seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea with Mr. Gruenbaum abstaining from voting as he is a resident on Hidden Farm Road. Motion unanimously passed.

Fiscal Officer Assistant

Mrs. Priday indicated that with her retirement effective July 1, 2026 she would like to hire Mr. Rausch as the Fiscal Officer Assistant. The monthly salary will be \$1000.00 and reimbursement for his family health insurance premiums not to exceed \$1,091.66 a month. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Rausch with a monthly salary of \$1000 and reimbursement for his health insurance premiums not to exceed \$1,091.66 a month. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Gruenbaum, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

Darby Township Files

The Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Mr. Rausch begin reviewing the documents in the Township files, purging files that were beyond the retention period.

**Receipts**

The receipts received March 10, 2026 – April 1, 2026

Date	Source	Amount
March 18, 2026	Marysville Municipal Court	\$1,004.14
March 22, 2026	Dennis Graham	\$250.00
March 27, 2026	Union County Auditor	\$100.00
March 27, 2026	Union County Auditor	\$15,298.42

Mr. Gruenbaum made a motion to pay bills. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Electronic transfer/Check#	Pay To	Purpose	Amount
39-2026	Ohio Public Employees Retirement	Monthly contribution	\$1,654.44
41-2026	Ohio Treasurer of State	Taxes	\$113.47
42-2026	School District	Taxes	\$103.89
43-2026	United States Treasury	Taxes	\$540.20
44-2026	City Of Marysville	Taxes	\$51.42
45-2026	City of Marysville	Processing Fee	\$.95
49-2026	AES Ohio	Security Light	\$36.34
50-2026	Treasurer State of Ohio	UAN Fees	\$876.00

51-2026	Richwood Marketing	Monthly/ADA compliance fee	\$629.99
7227	Julian and Grube, Inc.	50% of the 2024-2025 Audit fee	\$3,600.00
7228	Connie Priday	Postage	\$804.32
7229	Union Cty Engineer	Snow Removal	\$1,434.50
7230	McAuliffe's Ace	Twp building supplies	\$55.52
7231	City Marysville	Fire contract	\$32,870.50

I hereby certify that there is sufficient money appropriated and, in the Treasury, to pay the above bills.

The Trustees reviewed the monthly bank reconciliation. Checks were noted to be in correct sequence.

Mr. Gruenbaum then moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call was unanimous. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.