DARBY TOWNSHIP
October 26, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, October 26, 2026, at 8:00 am at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: James Scheiderer, David Huber, David Gruenbaum, and Mike Rausch. Others attending included Deputy R. Louden and Mike McNutt.

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

The minutes from October 13, 2026, meeting of the Darby Township Trustees was emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Gruenbaum seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Mr. Huber – Yes, Mr. Scheiderer Yes, and Mr. Gruenbaum – Yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report:

- Deputy Louden gave an update on his view of the state of the township in relation to his patrol.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

- Mike McNutt, ODNR, gave a presentation on the Integrated Prioritization System (IPS) Study focusing on the Ohio Scenic River Program.

Zoning Inspector Report:

1) Zoning Inspector was not present per agreement with the Trustees since this meeting was being held during her normal work day.

Old Business

1) Richwood Bank Positive Pay
   - No exceptions were reported since the last meeting.
2) 2026 NCO Grant – Waiting on response.
3) BWC Audit
   - The audit was completed as scheduled.
   - Mr. Rausch reported that the auditor made an adjustment to the classification of some of the salaries for the township from Clerical to Administrative resulting in a higher premium for 2026. The additional amount will be billed to the township.
   - Mr. Rausch reported that the auditor informed him that the person cleaning the township hall would need to have their own BWC policy and liability coverage. Mr. Huber will contact a few cleaning agencies to get quotes for quarterly cleaning.
4) Water Drainage – Township Hall
   - Mr. Gruenbaum reported that the contractor is planning on starting the work next week.
5) OTARMA Audit Report
   - Mr. Huber secured a "non-potable" water sign and will install at the cemetery.
6) FHS Band and Memorial Day
   - Mr. Huber will confirm with the band director the date and get communication details since the football season is now over.
7) Other Business
   - Mr. Huber initiated a discussion on the Zoning Inspector responsiveness to residents. He pointed out that the inspector has 30 days to complete a request once a completed application is submitted. It was indicated that if an application is not complete and needs edits from the submitter, the timer starts over. Mr. Huber indicated he was happy with our inspector's responsiveness. The other trustees agreed. It was suggested that information be posted on the website outlining the expected response time so residents are more aware. Mr. Huber will follow-up on website verbiage.
   - Mr. Gruenbaum reported that he checked with LUC on noise restrictions on an Agritourism designation. LUC indicated there is nothing that can be done per ORC. Since the trustees promised the resident at the last meeting we would also follow-up with the Prosecutor's office regarding the noise they reported at the

Forbidden Lake Farms Wedding Venue, Mr. Gruenbaum indicated he would contact Thayne Gray and get his input.

- Mr. Huber made a motion to pay Eubanks Electric up to $450 to repair the lights at the Darby Township cemetery. Mr. Gruenbaum seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Huber – Yes, Mr. Gruenbaum – Yes, and Mr. Scheiderer – Yes. Motion carried.

New Business

1) Unionville Center Fall Festival
   - Mr. Scheiderer stopped at the festival and reported there was a good turn-out.
   - Mr. Huber submitted receipts from the Lighthouse Church to Mr. Rausch for reimbursement to the church. A check will be cut for the first meeting in November.
2) It was decided that a Veteran's Day ad will not be placed in the Marysville Matters publication this year since one is being placed with the MJT. The trustees will consider putting an add next year in Marysville Matters.
3) Marysville South Transmission Line Project
   - The trustees decided to contact the Union County Commissioners and see if they can participate in their session with AES Ohio. Mr. Huber will contact the commissioners.
4) Grid Growth West
   - Since this project does not impede on Darby Township, the trustees saw no immediate action was required. They will continue to monitor this project.
5) Mr. Rausch provided the trustees with the QSEHRA 2027 letter. This letter indicates how much the maximum amount can be reimbursed for Health Care Premiums to the trustees and Fiscal Officer. Mr. Rausch indicated that, per Thayne Gray County Prosecutor's Office, the official numbers are not yet available. Mr. Gray provided Mr. Rausch with estimated maximums per what he could find at this time. The estimated maximum at this time is $6,700 for Single coverage and $13,550 for Family coverage.
2) Other Business
   - Mr. Huber moved that we transfer $175,000 from the Richwood Bank checking account to the STAR Ohio account. Mr. Gruenbaum seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Mr. Huber – Yes, Mr. Scheiderer – Yes, and Mr. Gruenbaum – Yes. Motion carried.

Cemeteries

1) Mr. Huber reported that the tree trimming work will begin in 2 – 3 weeks..

Roads

1) No specific items discussed.

Communications/Correspondence

1) Mr. Rausch provided details to Trustees.

Receipts

The receipts received October 14 – October 26, 2026, were reviewed.

Date	Source	Amount
October 14, 2026	Union County Auditor	$215,474.26
October 14, 2026	Union County Auditor	-$3,067.62 (Fee)
October 14, 2026	Union County Auditor	$16,249.05

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

Electronic transfer/Check#	Pay To	Purpose	Amount
150-2026	Ohio Deferred Compensation	Employee Contribution	$30.00
151-2026	United States Treasury	Taxes	$435.93
152-2026	School District	Taxes	$54.92

153-2026	Ohio Treasurer of State	Taxes	$115.69
154-2026	OPERS	Taxes	$1,670.48
160-2026	Google	Email	$62.92
161-2026	Verizon	Phone	$38.16
7451	Jacquelyn Ward	Postage Reimbursement	$4.90
7452	David Huber	Cemetery Sign Reimbursement	$10.42
7453	Union County Engineer	Contracted Work	$862.55

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

Checks were noted to be in correct sequence.

Mr. Gruenbaum then moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Scheiderer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Scheiderer – Yes. Mr. Gruenbaum – Yes. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.