

Monday, January 12,

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The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in a special meeting at the Service Department on January 12, 2026. Those present were Trustees Dr. Michael Bates, Mr. Jeff Markley, and Mrs. Kristina O'Brien and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Janice Sugarman. Dr. Bates presided and called the meeting to order at 5:38 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into executive session for the Employment and Compensation of Public Employees per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1).

Mr. Markley seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed: Mr. Markley, aye; Mrs. O'Brien, aye; Dr. Bates, aye. Motion carried.

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 5:38 P.M. to go into executive session.

Kelley Grdon was invited into executive session at 5:38 P.M. and left at 6:39 P.M.

The trustees returned from executive session and reconvened their regular meeting at 6:39 P.M., and everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Road Levy Resolution

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to approve Resolution 01122026-A to declare it necessary to place a 1.20 mill road additional levy on the ballot in the May 5, 2026 Primary/Special election, per the recommendation of the service director having been verified by the fiscal officer.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resignation of Public Employee

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to accept the resignation of Don Swift from the service department effective January 6, 2026 per the recommendation of the service director and with many thanks for his years of service to the township.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Reassignment of Service Worker

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to approve the reassignment of Chris Guinn from parks and properties to roads in a lateral move effective January 10, 2026 and further authorize the service department to advertise for a parks and properties worker per the recommendation of the service director.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Since there was no further business to come before this special meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Markley and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

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Janice Sugarman, Fiscal Officer

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Michael Bates, Chair

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Kristina O'Brien, Vice-Chair

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Jeffrey Markley, Trustee

Minutes Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of the Bainbridge Township<sup>1</sup> be and he/she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, along with Resolution 01052026-E<sup>20</sup> and the certification from the County Auditor received pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B)(2) to the Board of Elections, Geauga County, Ohio on or before February 4, 2026<sup>21</sup> by 4:00pm local time and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Mr. Markley<sup>22</sup> seconded the Motion and the roll being called upon its adoption resulted as follows:

TRUSTEE	VOTE (YEA or NAY)
<u>Michael Bates</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>Jeff Markley</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>Kristina O'Brien</u> <sup>5</sup>	<u>YEA</u> <sup>23</sup>

Adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2026<sup>24</sup>

Janie Sugarman<sup>25</sup>  
Fiscal Officer  
Bainbridge Township<sup>1</sup>  
Gauga County, Ohio

**The State of Ohio, Geauga County, ss.**

I, Janie Sugarman<sup>26</sup>, Fiscal Officer of Bainbridge Township<sup>1</sup>, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of the Proceedings of said Bainbridge Township<sup>1</sup>; that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2026

Janie Sugarman  
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
[Signature]  
GEAUGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

PLACE APA STAMP HERE<sup>29</sup>