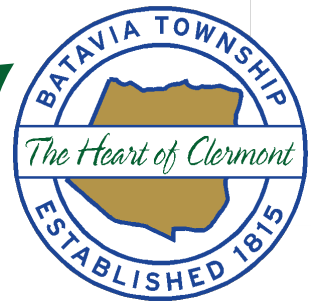




Press Release

Batavia Township, Clermont County, Ohio
November 20, 2025

Fire Levy and Emergency Approvals

The Batavia Township Trustees held a Special Meeting on November 20, 2025, to discuss three items: a proposed fire levy and approvals of recent developments: Arborside and Stonelick Ridge.

Currently, Batavia Township and Batavia Village are served by the Central Joint Fire & EMS District (CJFED) for fire and EMS services. The source of funding for the district has been a levy that covers all taxable real estate in both jurisdictions at the same rate.

Due to economic development incentives, including the County Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) and Batavia Village's Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) incentives, funding for CJFED services has been reduced. This has put stress on the district's funding and necessitated the recent levy on the November 2025 ballot, which failed.

The Trustees instructed staff to begin evaluating a new levy for services for the proposed Batavia Township Fire Department. Upon passage, the township would have its own Fire Department and withdraw from the current CJFED District. The Township's approach would ensure that services remain consistent with current levels while providing funding to support future growth, including the construction of new fire stations within the township. The Trustees will oversee a seamless transfer of emergency services for Township Residents. Information regarding the proposed levy and the new fire department will be released in the upcoming months.

Due to the proximity to the village and other factors, the Township Trustees took action to approve the developments Arborside and Stonelick Ridge under emergency resolutions, which became effective immediately. Trustee Parsons stated, "Once township territory is annexed by the village, we lose not only tax dollars, but control as well. If annexed, voted tax dollars would be redirected, road improvements required by traffic impact studies would not be completed, and schools could lose funding". The Township Trustees wanted to ensure that a pre-annexation was not reached between the Developers and the Village of Batavia.

Batavia Township remains committed to working collaboratively with the Village of Batavia to ensure that residents, regardless of their jurisdiction, continue to receive reliable, high-quality services. At the same time, the Township recognizes its direct responsibility to safeguard the safety and welfare of the Township.

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