

BOARDMAN TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP RECIEVES HISTORIC RECORDS GRANT

BOARDMAN – In March 2019, the Boardman Township Department of Planning and Zoning received \$2,516.00 from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board's (OHRAB) Ohio Archives Grant Program.

The goal of the Ohio Archives Grant Program is to fund projects that preserve and provide access to Ohio's historical records. Other Ohio Archives Grant Program recipients included the Belmont County District Library, Ravenna Township, and the Cleveland Grays Armory Museum, among others.

Zoning Department records will be scanned before these records are organized and re-boxed in acid-free archival quality boxes and folders. The acid-free containers will assure that the materials are stable long-term and will help slow the breakdown of the paper. These records will then be returned to the township depository.

This grant is a small start to a long-term project that will develop over the next several years. This project will result in the digitization of all records, which include over 70-years' worth of plans, permits, architectural drawings, board minutes, and correspondence in order to make those records easier for the public to access. Additionally the department is addressing how these records might be used long-term in order to better quantify their indefinite storage needs.

The *Digitization and Preservation of Zoning Department Records* program is supported in part by an award from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, through funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), National Archives and Records Administration.

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