NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION CLAY TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

Notice is hereby given that on October 20, 2026 at 9:00 am and on October 27, 2026 at 9:00 am in the public meeting room of the Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Avenue, Carmel, Indiana, 46280, the Township Board (the "Board") of Clay Township, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Township"), will hold separate public hearings regarding a Preliminary Determination Resolution (the "Determination Resolution") determining the public utility and benefit to the Township to undertake all or any portion of the following projects: (i) financing of the purchase of property located at 407 and 445 Smoky Row, Carmel, Indiana consisting of 23.92 acres to be maintained as a nature preserve; and/or (ii) the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement and/or installation of equipment and improvements at one or more of the existing Carmel/Clay Parks (collectively the "Projects"). The Projects will be financed by the Township and will be owned and operated by the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement between the Township and the City of Carmel, Indiana.

As part of the Determination Resolution, the Board will also consider approval of one or more series of General Obligation Bonds of the Township (the "Bonds") in an amount not to exceed $4,000,000 to finance the costs of the Projects along with incidental expenses related thereto including the costs of issuance of the Bonds. Such Bonds will be issued pursuant to Ind. Code 36-10-3 *et seq*. and will be payable from *ad valorem* property taxes levied on all taxable property in the Township, will bear interest at a rate not to exceed seven percent (7.0%) per annum, with a maximum term of twenty (20) years after the date of issuance.

At the same time and place the Board will conduct a separate public hearing on the additional appropriation of the proceeds of the Bonds. Such additional appropriation will be included in the Determination Resolution.

At each public hearing, the Board will make certain information available to the public regarding the Projects and the Bonds as required by statute. At the public hearings the Board will receive or hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected by the Determination Resolution, and following the public hearing on October 27, 2026, the Board will consider adoption of the Determination Resolution. Taxpayers are invited to attend the hearings and testify as to the public utility and benefit of the Projects.

Taxpayers needing special accommodations to attend the hearings should contact the Office of the Clay Township Trustee at (317)846-2773 no later than 48 hours prior to the first hearing.

Dated: October 5, 2026

Paul Hensel, Trustee
Clay Township of Hamilton County, Indiana

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