



**MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP**  
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## ***Welcome to Mifflin Township's New Fiscal Officer***

Mifflin Township August 11, 2025 – On August 11, 2025, during a Special Meeting of the Mifflin Township Board of Trustees, Board Chair Kevin Cavener administered the oath of office to Gahanna resident Darlene Wildes, officially appointing her as Fiscal Officer to serve the remainder of the term vacated by former Fiscal Officer Kelly Cararo who recently resigned.

Ms. Wildes brings extensive experience to the role, having served in the Columbus City Auditor's Office since 2000, where she currently holds the position of Deputy City Auditor. In this capacity, she leads the Auditor's leadership team, overseeing key functions such as Accounting & Operations, Financial Reporting, Financial Analytics, Payroll, Debt Management, Financial Systems, Human Resources, Communications, and the Income Tax Division.



Darlene's decades of expertise have shaped her belief that a municipality's financial health is best reflected in its reporting. Her commitment to accuracy, timeliness, and transparency has been instrumental in maintaining the City's Triple-A bond rating. For 25 consecutive years, she has helped Columbus earn national acclaim for issuing its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report within 90 days of year-end—making it the fastest large municipality in the country to consistently publish audited financial statements.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts, and has been a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for 35 years. Darlene is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Ohio Society of CPAs, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, and the Ohio GFOA.

Originally from Maine—"The Way Life Should Be" state—Darlene has called central Ohio home for over three decades and has been a proud Gahanna resident since 2017.



*Pictured: Trustee Richard Angelou, Fiscal Officer Darlene Wildes, Trustee Chair Kevin Cavener, Trustee Vice-Chair Jamie Leeseberg.*



*Pictured: Darlene Wildes being administered the Fiscal Officer Oath of Office by Trustee Chair Cavener, with her wife Lori, Trustees Leeseberg and Angelou looking on.*

Kevin J. Cavener, Chair • Jamie D. Leeseberg, Vice Chair • Richard J. Angelou, Trustee • Kelly Cararo, Fiscal Officer

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