

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 8101

**FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

Held \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was called to order by the President with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were as follows:

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| James Scoby    | John Roeder      |
| Timothy Foley  | Alex Turner      |
| R. Dean Wells  | Barbara Fletcher |
| Michael Hively | Anette Ulery     |
|                | Thomas Hale      |

For additional guest please see sign in sheet.

**Motion Mr. Foley, Second Dr. Wells** to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2016 Springfield Township Trustees Meeting.

Mr. Foley Yes, Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### Road Department- Alex Turner

Informed the Trustees that with the mild winter weather the Road Crew has been able to remove additional trees in the Township. They received an \$1690 estimate for repairing a truck; Road Crew member Rick Allender was able to save the Township \$1128.00 by repairing a truck in house. Mr. Turner and the Trustees thanked Mr. Allender for this service.

### Fire & EMS Department- John Roeder

Referred to the Resolution that the Trustees had this evening, and introduced Mr. Richard Tursic, the Pastor at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, as the applicant for Chaplin for the Department.

### Zoning-Anette Ulery /Tom Hale

No Report

### Fiscal Officer-Michael Hively

Reported he was meeting with the State Treasurer's Office on Wednesday February 10, 2016 to discuss going live with the Township's checking account on the State Treasurer's "Ohio Checkbook" web site. This makes our checkbook accessible to the public for them to see where the Trustees spend their money. Also stated that the Trustees have a letter stating the Township is required to pay back \$24,302 in estate tax received in 2011. This is a result of the estate's attorney doing an audit of the estate's tax return resulting in an order for the Township to pay back the overpayment.

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Asked the trustees if they would consider holding a work session with Tom Hale to discuss the nuisance abatement process.

**Mr. Foley**-Suggested meeting at 5:30 on February 23, 2016 prior to the zoning meeting.

The Trustees agreed to proceed with the work session on February 23, 2016 at 5:30 PM at the Township Administration Office.

Inquired if the Trustees had any questions on the Financial Reports. There were no questions.

**Motion Dr. Wells, Second Mr. Foley** that the Trustees were in receipt of the Appropriation Status, Revenue Summary, and Fund Status Report.

Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Foley Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Trustees agreed to hold the discussion about the Compost Facility until the Resolution is presented for a vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Dr. Wells**- Stated he had received a telephone call from a resident concerning an abandoned house on New Carlisle Pike she wanted the Township to demolish. He contacted Mr. Hale concerning this issue, and requested that Mr. Hale address the Trustees as to what was discussed.

**Mr. Hale**- Stated that the house was currently in delinquent tax foreclosure status, but is not located in a target area. If purchased by the Land Bank, based on the foreclosure status, the fund does not allow for expenditure on the demolition of the structure. The Land Bank Board would have to approve the purchase then the resident could pay closing costs to obtain the property

**Dr. Wells**- Inquired that if the resident obtained the property, it would be their responsibly to pay for the demolition of the structure. Mr. Hale agreed with that statement.

**Mr. Foley**- Inquired about the purchase of a new fire truck, that the Trustees had approved, that was to have an International chassis and then completed by Sutphen.

**Chief Roeder**- Stated that there was no progress; the truck did not meet the Department's specifications.

### RESOLUTIONS

**Motion Dr. Wells, Second Mr. Foley** to approve Resolution #2016-023. To approve Paycor electronic payments for payroll services, and Warrants #55718 through #55768 in the amount of \$148,861.38.

Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Foley Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

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**Motion Mr. Foley, Second Dr. Wells to approve Resolution #2016-024.**

To accept the attached amended official Certificate of Estimated Resources for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 as revised by the Budget Commission of Clark County, which shall govern the total temporary appropriations.

Mr. Foley Yes, Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

**Motion Dr. Wells, Second Mr. Foley to approve Resolution #2016-025.**

To revoke expense authority granted in Resolution #2016-014 since the amounts granted are not compliant with Ohio Revised Code 507.11.

**Discussion: Mr. Hively** stated that the authorization amounts had not been increased by the State, that is the reason for the change.

Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Foley Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

**Motion Mr. Foley, Second Dr. Wells to approve Resolution #2016-026.**

To authorize the Fire Chief and Road Superintendent to approve repair expenses and equipment purchases up to \$2,500.00 In addition to authorize the Office Manager to approve repair expenses and operating supplies up to \$500.00.

Amounts above the authorized limits will require Trustee approval, and certification that the funds are available prior to committing to the purchase or maintenance expense. Acknowledgement of approval will require the appropriate signatures or initials on the invoice.

Mr. Foley Yes, Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

**Motion Dr. Wells, Second Mr. Foley to approve Resolution #2016-027.**

To approve the three (3) year maintenance contract with Physio Control in the amount of \$17,736.00 for the routine maintenance of the four (4) Life Packs on the Medic units.

Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Foley Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

**Motion Dr. Wells, Second Mr. Foley to approve Resolution #2016-028.**

To approve hiring the following individuals for the Springfield Township Fire Department:

- Ben McKinnion Volunteer Fire Fighter
- James Graver Volunteer Fire Fighter
- Gary Stanley Volunteer Fire Fighter
- David Noble Volunteer Fire Fighter
- Keyonna Keys Volunteer Fire Fighter
- Clay Westfall Medic
- Richard Tursic Chaplain

**Discussion: Mr. Foley-** Inquired if Mr. Tursic, as Chaplin, was also a Fire Fighter?

**Chief Roeder-** Stated that Mr. Tursic will be taking firefighting training.

**Mr. Foley-**Noted that the first four names on the list had at one time been proposed members of an auxiliary group, and inquired if they had met the training and physical qualifications to become fire fighters?

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**Chief Roeder**-Stated that they had.

Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Foley Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

**Chief Roeder** then swore in the new members that were present to the Springfield Township Fire Department.

**Motion Dr. Wells, Second Mr. Foley** to approve Resolution #2016-029. To approve, effective April 1, 2016, the closing of the compost facility located at 1516 South Bird Road to be able to decrease expenses for the Springfield Township Road Department. This would eliminate the facility for residents as a collection point for brush and leaves, and also the access to free mulch and compost for the residents. To furthermore, approve Alex Turner, Road Superintendent, to place the Township's tub grinder on GovDeals.

**Discussion-Mr. Foley**-Read the following statement:

"The Road Department is in dire need of an additional levy. The last attempt in November (2015) failed by approximately 80 votes. The levy proceeds would be used for paving and road maintenance."

"I am in favor of putting the road levy on again in November (2016). Closing the compost facility will not help the road levy pass. The facility, though it has not been a revenue producer, has provided value to the Township and its residents. Having the facility was a tremendous asset during wind storm events and over the years we have been able to share services with the County and the City because of the facility."

Mr. Foley offered the following cost saving ideas:

- 1) There is a definite need to pass the Road Levy in November 2016
- 2) An option is to reduce the operating hours at the compost facility.
- 3) Rent out (for farming) vacant land at compost and administration locations.
- 4) Limit the amount of mowing at the administration location.
- 5) Reduce hours of operation for the Administration

**Dr. Wells** – Commented that these changes would not impact the service to the residents. He agrees with some of Mr. Foley's ideas. He would like to leave the compost facility open this year and address the issue again in 2017.

**Mr. Scoby**- Agreed that it was important to support and pass the Road Levy in November.

Mr. Turner was invited to the podium to address the Trustees.

**Mr. Turner**- Stated that the Trustees had previously been provided the figures he was to present.

- 1) Operating hours for the compost facility have already been reduced, and only about 10% of the residents or 565 of Township households use the facility.

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- 2) The operating cost of \$25,000 for labor, repair, and fuel. When the costs of replacing the loader and the tub grinder the amortized cost over ten years are \$90,000 per year and these services are provided to our residents free of charge by three local companies.
- 3) Reviewed with the Trustees the replacement costs in the next 1-3 years.
  - 1998 Dodge dump truck- \$65,000
  - 2001 Dodge dump truck- \$80,000
  - 2002 Ford F-150 pushing 190,000 miles -\$35,000
  - Reach Arm- \$32,000
  - 2004 Chipper-\$55,000
  - 2001 Leaf machine-\$58,000
  - Total cost: \$325,000-- minus \$50,000 if tub grinder is sold so net is 275,000
- 4) If the Road Levy is passed it is not for replacement cost of equipment
- 5) If the compost facility is left open then the following is a cost for continued operation:
  - 2000 Case loader-\$150,000
- 6) Reviewed with the Trustees the replacement costs in the next 4-7 years.
  - Case 621B- \$150,000
  - 2 International plow trucks-\$300,000
  - John Deere excavator-\$75,000
  - 2 zero turn mowers-\$34,000
  - ODB leaf machine -\$62,000
  - Total cost: \$621,000

**Mr. Turner** – Mentioned a couple of projects that will also need attention. The Ventura flooding issue, although not sure of the total costs, he is going to budget \$100,000. The other issue is the Township's salt barn which is rotting away. The projected cost to replace the salt barn is \$130,000. Mr. Turner's closing statement is that Springfield Township is the only township in the County to offer the service of a compost facility.

**Mr. Scoby**- Reread and called for a vote on Resolution #2016-029.

Dr. Wells No, Mr. Foley No, Mr. Scoby No.

### RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

**Dale Henry**- Introduced himself as a candidate for the Clark County Commissioner position. Stated he was trying to attend the different Township meetings.

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### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Josie Andy** – Expressed to the Trustees her concern with properties in the area of her home on Seminole Ave. with inoperable cars and trash in residents' yards. She inquired as to the need for the Township to be more proactive on these complaints.

**Dr. Wells**-Stated he had contacted Allan Neimayer and that three letters had been sent, and that the proper legal steps were being taken.

**Mr. Scoby**-Requested that Tom Hale address the situation.

**Mr. Hale**- Reviewed the legal process that is required in notification of specific Township regulations to the residents for their zoning violations, and that the current Township regulations that do not address some of these issues. These issues will need to be addressed by the Trustees.

### CLOSING REMARKS BY TRUSTEES & FISCAL OFFICER

**Mr. Foley** –None

**Mr. Hively**- None

**Mr. Scoby**- None

**Dr. Wells**- Stated he was happy to see that the Fire Department had hired another female, and the addition of a Pastor.

### NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing on February 23, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Regular Trustees Meeting on February 23, 2016 beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Reminder: The Township Office and Road Department will be closed on Monday February 15, 2016 in observance of Presidents Day.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Motion Dr. Wells, Second Mr. Foley** to adjourn the February 9, 2016 meeting of the Springfield Township Board Trustees.

Dr. Wells Yes, Mr. Foley Yes, Mr. Scoby Yes.

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**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

*James E. Seohy*  
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President

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Vice President

*Reem Wells*  
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Trustee

*Michael L. Tracy*  
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Fiscal Officer