

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Springfield Township Trustees

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held December 2nd, 2023

Operational / General Purpose Meeting

Meeting called to order by John Roeder, Board President at 8:00AM
with the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Roll Call

Trustee John Roeder	Present
Trustee Jim Scoby	Present
Trustee Tim Foley	Present
Fiscal Officer Mark Smith	Present

Employees / Visitors in Attendance: Billy Saunders, Jamie Allen, Dave Nangle, Jennifer Tuttle, Vicki Gundolf, Jake Shaw

John Roeder Please keep Chris Heaton and his family in your prayers, his mother was killed this weekend in a tragic accident.

Approval of the Minutes for the November 14, 2023 Regular Township Meeting

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby
Second by Tim Foley
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Departmental Reports

Fire/EMS

Dave Nangle Our budget needs for 2024 and our biggest needs will be payroll, fuel, maintenance on the buildings and our fleet, dispatching fees which are \$48,000 for 2024. Our reporting software will need maintained. Turnout gear and radios will be expensive.

Medicount brought in approximately \$250,000 this year but a lot of that goes back to payroll and supplies used for calls.

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This is the year we are replacing a Medic Unit which will be approximately \$380,000 and the delivery will take 3 years to receive if we get on the

Held build line now. 20

Tanker 72 will need replaced within the next couple years.

The tanker we approved last year has not even made the build line yet. It is \$600,000.

Our ladder truck will need to be replaced in the next few years and you are looking at \$1 million plus.

Rockway Station needs to stay open to keep our ISO rating down. We do take a hit on our scoring due to the fact that station is not staffed all the time, but we do not have the money to staff that station.

We do have some big expenses that will be needed. We need to educate the community on what it takes to run a fire department.

There are residents that would like to have a meeting on our Fire Department and I think it would be a great way to inform the community what it takes to run a department with the costs that go along with that.

Mark Smith We do have funds set aside for the tanker truck. We can look at the other purchases and see if there are lease options, or just purchase. There are options that we will look at.

Dave Nangle There is equipment that we can sell when new equipment is acquired.

The point system for fire calls is under review. I spoke with Jennifer and we are discussing a solution.

Our hours are becoming an issue due to the fact our employees are working more hours and it is now a problem with going over the limit for part time. We are going to need guidance on how we are going to handle this.

Our staffing has decreased and we are doing more and more assists with areas outside of our township.

Our fire house garage doors do not have the correct sensors and will need to be corrected. We do have DC Door looking into this and we are waiting on the estimate.

Jennifer Tuttle We told chief when we have incidents that happen we need to start getting the incident reports faster.

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John Roeder We have been looking into getting an- in house mechanic for all of our fleet. We realize this would be a costly event but this is just an idea to evaluate.

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Vale Cemetery

Vicki Gundolf There is issues with the office at Vale Cemetery. Our support posts are rotten on the office. This office will need to be replace. We will contact a contractor for guidance. I will be needing office furniture also.

John Roeder We have 3 part time employees that do a great job at the Cemetery, here at the administrative office, and road department. I would like to give them a bonus for Christmas.

MOTION TO GIFT \$50 FOR OUR 3 PART TIME EMPLOYEES: MIKE SEITZ, STEVE POLLOCK, AND ISIAH SMITH

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby
Second by Tim Foley
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Mark Smith Financially, the cemetery is in good shape for a capital development.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

John Roeder It was brought to our attention that Bob Mosier was hired by Moorefield Township for leaf pick up, and he is dumping those leaves at our compost facility, while charging Moorefield Township. There was discussion to hold off until spring and get more information.

Billy Saunders Road Striping and paving will be started in the spring. We will be evaluating which roads.

Snow plow paint project with Clark Shawnee High School

Jennifer Tuttle It is a project to connect the schools and township. All designs would be preapproved by the township. This would be a spring project.

Speed Limits and Signage on Township Roads

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Held we will need to be journalize the actual speed limits. 20

Tim Foley The complaint received was for Seminole. If warranted we will get the second no parking sign on that curve.

Jennifer Tuttle There are cars parking on Rhonemous St. on the side of the road and letters have been mailed out ahead of bad weather. The road is very narrow and the cars make plowing unsafe.

Jake Shaw Give me a list and I will go to the residents and speak with the property owner.

Jennifer Tuttle Drainage is complex and each case should be evaluated.

Billy Saunders The drainage on Tollhouse will need a lot of big rock for that project. I will be working on that issue. The Engineer’s office agrees this is a problem with the drainage because this will compromise our road.

Tim Foley Salt Bins for the Road Department is still being reviewed.

The policy on purchases and requisitions

Fiscal Officer

Mark Smith We will be needing requisitions with purchases this coming year. We need what the invoice is for and the cost.

Health Insurance will be changing this year. The increase for United Health Care had an increase of approximately 20%.

Aetna was priced and this coverage was more compatible at the same cost point from this year.

Our Vision and Dental did not increase

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGING MEDICAL INSURANCE TO AETNA FOR 2024

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by Jim Scoby

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Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

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LONG TERM AND SHORT TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

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~~Held~~ ~~Mark Smith~~ We are looking into Long Term and Short Term Disability²⁰ Program to replace the generous sick time policy. We are trying to make sure the employees would have this disability program. We will need to look at our policy once the fees are available.

COST OF LIVING RAISE

Jennifer Tuttle Are we implementing a cost of living raise this year?

Mark Smith We need to decide if we are doing merit or cost of living raise, or both?

Tim Foley I think we skip the cost of living raise this year and go by merit increase if warranted.

Discussed that merit raises should be used to evaluate the performance of each employee on their anniversary date.

Mark Smith Our financial performance for year to date:
Road Department has 5 funds and 1 inside levy that is not voted on. We started with \$1.1 million, Revenue came in at \$1 million and sixty five thousand, Expenditures came in at \$1.1 million.

Fire/EMS started with \$1.75 million, and expenditures were \$1.52 million.

ARP Fund started with \$1.1million, expenditures were \$185,000, and we have \$832,000 left. \$500,000 of that will be used for the Holiday and Capri Project.

Vale Cemetery started with \$172,000, expenditures were \$34,000 and brought in \$42,000 for the year to date.

Zoning started with \$52,000, revenue \$13,000, and expenditures were \$1,600. We will still need to pay the board members at the end of the year.

General Fund started with \$1.1 million, revenues were \$900,000, and expenditures were \$700,000.

Discussion to keep Township Deputy for another year

MOTION TO KEEP TOWNSHIP DEPUTY FOR 2024 USING ARP FUNDS

Motion to approve by Tim Foley
Second by Jim Scoby

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Deputy

Jake Shaw I have had a lot of residents ask about having the township deputy and I explained the benefits. Last week alone I made 22 arrests, I had 1 search warrant, recovered 2 stolen forklifts, 2 stolen 4 wheelers, 3 stolen trailers, 1 stolen car.

Jim Scoby wanted an educational night, just to let the residents know.

Tim Foley I think we should try again in November for the Police Levy. We may need to try for a .5 Mill Levy to cover at least 1 deputy.

Jennifer Tuttle Wanted approval for a dedicated webpage for our deputy John Roeder stated it would be a good idea.

ALL TRUSTESS AGREED

MOTION

Trustees discussed and agreed to keep Bryan Kahlert for Grass Abatement

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by Jim Scoby

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Administrator

Jennifer Tuttle We have one current claim for Workers Compensation that is currently going through the process. Sedwgwick is the company handling our claims right now. Sedwgwick is the one who represents us at all hearings, we don't typically go to any hearings. They ask how we stand on each individual case.

Mark Smith Our premium with Sedwgwick is \$4,500 annually.

Fleet Management and Replacement

Jennifer Tuttle I've worked with Billy and Chief, and we have some sort of idea on a schedule on how to work some things in with some of our vehicles.

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Office Phone System

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Jennifer Tuttle ~~We have been looking at a new phone system.~~ I did have a few conversations and am now getting prices and how many phone lines needed.

Discussion about a lease for the back of the property at the administration office

Jennifer Tuttle The property in the back that is currently being cut for hay, needs a lease.

Joint Information meeting with Clark Shawnee about CEDA and Tax Abatement Questions

Tim Foley I have spoken with Brian Kuhn about all the misinformation about CEDA, TIF, CRA, and NCA. Mr. Kuhn basically said that due to the fact that they are in the middle of this litigation issue that he thought it would be best if we waited to hold a meeting. In the case there would be a public forum he thought it would be good that the County Commissioners and the City Commissioners also be invited.

Discussion on Community Events

Jennifer Tuttle Asked if we want to start having community events for our residents, and the surrounding areas.

The Trustees agreed to look into having community events
Will be looking into having a quarterly newsletter on the website
Postcards being mailed out 2 times a year
Making sure accident reports are turned in, in a timely matter
Memorial in front of the Administration Office has been completed

Jennifer Tuttle I believe we are paying \$50 per case to our Board Members but the CEDA Board states no compensation.

MOTION THAT CEDA BOARD MEMBERS WILL NOT BE COMPENSATED FOR THERE SERVICES

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby

Second by Tim Foley

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Old Business
New Business

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Resolutions

Resolution: 2023-101

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the attached 2024 Fire/EMS and or Police Dispatching agreement with the Clark County Combined Communications Center in the amount of \$48,583.00 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by Jim Scoby

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2023-102

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the Revised Supplemental Appropriations for the following:

Fund: 2031 Road Department Salaries & Benefits \$60,000.00

This replaces the original request for Fund: 2141 Road Department Salaries & Benefits \$60,000.00 approved on Resolution 2023-098 on November 14, 2023.

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby

Second by Tim Foley

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2023-103

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the hourly rate of \$225.00 for attorney fees. Paralegal and clerk hourly rate will be \$85.00, as referenced in the letter of intent from Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff for the Fire/EMS investigation.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by Jim Scoby

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Closing remarks by Trustees

Tim Foley I spoke at the Public Commission Meeting on November 21st to express my concerns over the city imposed CRA and TIF at Melody Parks.

Based upon the feedback I received from the city, the first 15 years of the 30 year TIF on the township will be an overlap of the 15 years of CRA. Therefore, the CRA/TIF combination on the township should be 30 years total, which is devastatingly long enough not to receive our fair share of real estate tax.

Per the city, the NCA additional tax will probably be the same amount as the CRA abated tax amount during the 15 years of the CRA. There is a NCA board that will be established to determine what happens to the NCA after the 15 year CRA expiration.

I closing, I stated to the City Commission that over time, the imposed CRA and TIF will bury the township and the school district.

I spoke with township residents that attended the meeting and there is so much confusion out there.

A quick summary:

The Prime Ohio Agreement (1984) and the CEDA (1999) deal with city income tax sharing on industrial and commercial development.

CRA and TIF deal with real estate tax abatement and real estate tax redirection and are not part of CEDA. These programs are imposed by the city.

NCA is a special tax assessment and is not part of CEDA, also imposed by the city.

Since 2001, most annexations are expedited type II or expedited type III annexations. These types of annexations can create dual residency. The township is not included in the type II or type III expedited annexation process.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 12TH, 2023 @ 6PM

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby

Second by Tim Foley

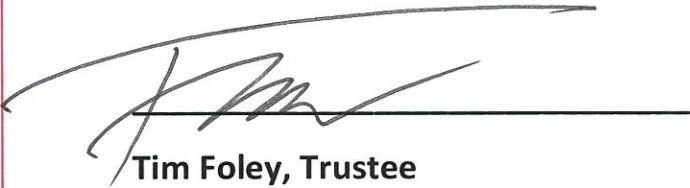
Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

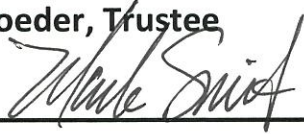
Board Certified


Jim Scoby, Trustee


Tim Foley, Trustee

Not Present

John Roeder, Trustee


Mark Smith, Fiscal Officer