

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Springfield Township Trustees

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

Held December 12th, 2023
Regular Trustee Meeting

Meeting called to order by John Roeder, Board President at 6:00PM
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,
Jennifer Tuttle, Vicki Gundolf, Jake Shaw, Ronnie Hudson, Kerry
Schooler

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2ND, 2023 WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL JANUARY
9TH, 2024 TRUSTEE MEETING

Departmental Reports

Road Department

Billy Saunders We have been cleaning up the leaf machines for winter.
We are working on the 2024 snow routes.
We did receive the 2010 dump truck that was purchased from the county.
We will be listing 2 trucks on GOV Deals.
We are still working on the solution for the drainage job on Tollhouse.
Isiah Smith will drop down to winter hours.
There will be 5 of us going to the OTA Conference in February.

Fire/EMS

Jamie Allen Nothing

Deputy

Jake Shaw I have the November stats:
47 calls for service
15 reports
41 arrests
4 traffic crashes
2 recovered stolen cars
I have had a few residents ask what the benefit is to have a dedicated
deputy. I am able to spend time with calls that have been received for

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the township. I am able to investigate the issue and not just write up a report, and then need to go on another call. 20

Vale Cemetery

Vicki Gundolf I do have an estimate for a larger material bucket for the cemetery. The estimate came in at approximately \$1,300. This will lower the amount of times the equipment needs to go back and forth to the gravel and dirt for each grave, saving the wear and tear on our roadway at the cemetery.

We are looking into options for our office needed also.

Zoning/Administrator

Jennifer Tuttle We do have 2 BZA Meetings scheduled for December 19th. We do have all the documents to switch our insurance over to Aetna.

No change to Vision or Dental Insurance

The point system for Fire/EMS has changed to an hourly wage.

Officer Pay is still the same.

The Road Department will have hours worked at Vale Cemetery will be charged to the cemetery now.

The old fire house will be evaluated for price and get that listed for sale.

John Roeder There is a corner stone on that building and I believe there is a plastic bag placed behind that stone with Charter Members names. I would like to see if we can save that.

Jennifer Tuttle ODOT Signage Grant, all townships qualify and I will be looking into that.

Issue 2 has a lot of changes going on with that and I will keep looking into that.

We are looking at updating our phone system here. As soon as I get the quotes on this I will bring it to you.

We have a new web page for the Deputy, and updated pictures of the road department.

There is a Resolution for the OTA Conference.

There is a 2023 Highlights breakdown for all of the Trustees. (Exhibit A)

Old Business

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New Business

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Vicki Gundolf I received an email today from Mary Ann Schmidt and requested me to read this tonight.

“Dear Township Trustees
I just want to publicly thank Tim (Foley) for taking personal time and meeting with me to discuss the city's development tax plans. I sincerely appreciate it. The lack of true reporting by the local news rag (aka newspaper) is a great hindrance to learning the truth.

Thanks for all you do,
Mary Ann Schmidt”

Resolutions

Resolution 2023-104

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve entering into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) (1) for the purpose of considering the compensation of an employee.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by Jim Scoby

Roll Call

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

Resolution: 2023-105

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the temporary appropriations carry over for 2023 to enable the Fiscal Officer to pay expenses.

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby

Second by Tim Foley

Discussion

Roll Call

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

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Resolution: 2023-106

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Springfield Township Trustees to approve staying with Waypoint Benefits for 2024, and having Aetna for our medical Insurance, VSP for our vision insurance, and Delta Dental as dental insurance.

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

Resolution: 2023-107

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION EMPLOYING TOWNSHIP’S ATTORNEYS
ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Trustees (“Board”) is authorized by Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code to employ attorneys on an annual basis other than the prosecuting attorney to represent the Township and its officers, boards, and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them on legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code provides that no such attorney may be employed except on the order of the Board, duly entered upon its Journal, in which the compensation to be paid for the attorney’s legal services shall be fixed; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to appoint attorneys to counsel and represent the Township on an annual basis for the calendar year 2024 in such matters as the Board or its designee may refer to them; and

WHEREAS, the Board has appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for legal services for 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Springfield Township, Clark County, Ohio, that:

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SECTION 1. Peter N. Griggs of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC and the law firm of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC, are hereby employed on an annual basis for the calendar year 2024 as the Township's legal counsel to represent the Township and its officers, boards, and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them in connection with such matters as may be referred to said Counsel by or on behalf of the Board or its designee.

SECTION 2. The compensation for such counsel during 2024 shall be paid as follows: \$195.00 per hour attorney time; \$117.00 per hour law clerk time; and \$105.00 per hour legal assistant time; plus out-of-pocket expense reimbursements; provided that the total compensation shall not exceed \$5,000 without further action by this Board.

SECTION 3. The attorneys may be discharged at any time by the majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 4. The Township Fiscal Officer is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the law firm.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including, without limitation, Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted: _____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

ATTEST:

Mark Smith, Fiscal Officer

Tim Foley, Trustee

Jim Scoby, Trustee

John Roeder, Trustee

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GOVERNMENT FORM NO. 10-1-2023 (Rev. 10-1-2023)

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Held Second by Jim Scoby 20

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Resolution: 2023-108

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve seven employees and one Fiscal Officer to attend the 2024 Winter Conference Registration, Columbus, for a total of \$1,105.00 in registration and luncheon fees and to authorize Road Superintendent to use credit card to purchase lunch for the road department.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by Jim Scoby

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Resolution: 2023-109

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve an Ohio Township Association Township Education Subscription for \$250. The subscription year runs January 1 through December 31 each year.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by Jim Scoby

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Open to the Public

Ronnie Huson AT & T/FirstNet

I represent the state of Ohio from the south side central all the way to Cincinnati. I currently represent all the Sheriff's Offices, villages, townships, almost everything around Clark County.

I have had conversations with the township about switching to FirstNet.

This service started after 911. No one could talk to anyone. We now have a Ban14. FirstNet is owned by the government, and we now have a 25 year contract. With that contract we have to have 99.9 percent coverage. We have recently installed 491 towers in the state of Ohio in the last 5 years and have another 310 towers coming in the next 2 years.

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~~We have mobile vehicles to get signal when there is an emergency and~~
towers are down. When there is a disaster we are sent out immediately.
We will have a truck there within 18 hours.

FirstNet is the only public network that is owned by the government, as
seen by the government as a safety network.

Kerry Schooler- Kerry's Cafe

I am here to request access to the bike path behind my property located
at 2604 Springfield Xenia Rd, to allow entrance to our Coffee Shop for our
shoppers.

Right now we are working on getting our coffee shop up and running. We
do not know what we are going to do with the green houses.

Just looking for easy access for the bike path.

John Roeder What has to be done to connect to the bike path.

Kerry Schooler We would like to replace the fence with a gate, and build
a Bridgeway over the ditch line. We would have a path.

John Roeder We will have to check with the Parks Department. Once you
get permission with the Parks Department, we will review.

Closing remarks by Trustees

Jim Scoby I want to thank John Roeder for his leadership this year as
Township President.

Tim Foley

I attended the City Commission Meeting the evening of December 5th to
once again voice my concerns over the TIF and CRA Programs imposed by
the city. These programs unfairly reduce real estate tax revenue for the
township and school district.

I also want the thank Trustee Roeder for a job well done being President
in 2023, and wish everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy
New Year.

John Roeder

I appreciate everyone's hard work this year. Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE January 9th, 2024 @ 6PM

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MOTION TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC FORUM

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

MOTION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THAT NO ONE WORKING A REGULAR SHIFT FORMALLY CONSIDERED POINTS WILL BE PAID ANY EXTRA COMPENSATION

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

Tim Foley Initiated discussion as to whether the cell phone service switch to FirstNet should be delayed or to proceed immediately

ALL TRUSTEES AGREED TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY

MOTION TO MOVING OUR SERVICE FROM VERIZON TO FIRSTNET

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

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to approve by Tim Foley
Second by Jim Scoby
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

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