

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Springfield Township Trustees

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

Held October 10th, 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	Not Present
Trustee Tim Foley	Present
Fiscal Officer Mark Smith	Present

John Roeder Mr. Scoby will not be present tonight, he was involved in an incident, he will be okay but will not be present tonight.

Employees / Visitors in Attendance: Billy Saunders, Jamie Allen, Jennifer Tuttle, Vicki Gundolf, Judy Sheridan, Ryan Ruf, Kenneth Stewart, Tanya Stewart, Susan Page

Approval of the Minutes for the September 26, 2023 Regular Township Meeting

Motion to approve by Tim Foley
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Not Present

Departmental Reports

Road Department

Billy Saunders The company checking the bucket truck has not supplied the estimate.
We will be working on foundations at the cemetery.
Brian Spurgin and Chris Schroeder will be attending the snow and ice removal class.
We are having problems with the radios in the trucks and will need someone to check those out.
The leaf machines are being serviced to start up next week.

Fire/EMS

Jamie Allen Nothing

Deputy

Jake Shaw Has training and will not be here tonight.

Zoning

Stephanie Dunlap Not Present

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Vicki Gundolf- Vale Cemetery

We will be working on foundations at the cemetery.

I will be getting prices for a power washer for the cemetery to use for the mowers and the buildings.

Administrator

Jennifer Tuttle I am investigating some parking issues, in different areas. There's a resolution tonight for a change order for our OPWC Leffel Lane Project. That project came in at \$18,000 under the first contract price.

There was one application for the CEDA Board opening. Tony Davis will be leaving the board. We will be waiting for more applications before I bring this to the board.

I am working with the Fiscal Officer to find a service to accept credit card payments for the cemetery and for zoning fees.

We have been looking at a new time clock for the Road Department.

We received the signed Quit Claim Deed from the County Prosecutors Office for the old fire house. The County Community Economic and Development Office did not require a lot split. So we took that downtown to the Records Office and had it recorded on October 5th, 2023.

There was a delay on the Deferred Comp, but it will be deducted for the next pay run.

We don't have job descriptions for EMT, EMTP, and EMTI, and will be working on that issue.

John Roeder The sign examples that you sent look great and considerably less cost involved with those, plus they would look good. Can they do the directional signs also?

Jennifer Tuttle Yes, and I am getting prices on those also.

Fiscal Officer

Mark Smith Checked with our bank last week and our account had been compromised. The Fraud Department did catch it. They suggested for us to sign up for Positive Pay, where we would go in and approve all checks for a \$20.00 fee per month.

John Roeder This is an issue going on in the banking industry and it is getting worse. This is something I think would be a good idea.

MOTION TO APPROVE HAVING POSITIVE PAY PLACED ON OUR ACCOUNTS

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Discussion

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Old Business

New Business

Tim Foley

CEDA MEETING

Since the newspaper article appeared in the news sun a few days ago regarding the Tax Incentive Programs associated with the Melody Parks Development, I have received numerous phone calls from Springfield Township residents confused about the financing programs mentioned.

It appears this one development, Melody Parks, will have 3 programs imposed by the City of Springfield:

TIF (Tax Increment Financing) in which real estate tax dollars are redirected away from the school district and township.

CRA (Community Reinvestment Area) a tax abatement in which real estate tax collection on new values is waived for 15 years, resulting in real estate tax dollars not being received by the school district and township.

NCA (New Community Authority) an extra tax is paid by the property owner, where that extra tax revenue goes, I do not know. I assume to the developer and/or the city.

Unfortunately, the township trustees do not vote on accepting these programs, they are imposed upon the township. We already have TIF real estate revenue being redirected for 30 years at 100% at the Bridgewater Development. The estimated amount of tax redirection from the township from the Bridgewater TIF is over \$2 Million.

Over time, the lost real estate tax revenue resulting from tax redirection programs and tax abatement programs will be devastation for the school district and township.

The ongoing years of auditing and accounting associated with these programs will be a confusing nightmare.

Imposing these programs on the township and school district may be legal, but does that make it right?

Resolutions

Resolution: 2023- 076

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 investigation of complaints against a public employee.

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Second by John Roeder

Held Roll Call 20

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Resolution: 2023- 077

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to acknowledge and accept the termination of the Zoning Administration Services contract dated June 16, 2016, by the Clark County Administrator, per letter dated September 26, 2023. The Township Trustees acknowledge the request for waiving of the 60 day notice, but request a termination date of October 31, 2023, due to any cases currently in the rezoning process.

In reference to the County’s termination the County shall give/return:

- All Springfield Township digital and paper files of all zoning certificates, correspondence, communication, code enforcements cases, Board of Zoning Appeals cases (agendas, board packets, memos to Trustees, Tech Review comments, documents, staff reports, maps, presentations and photos), Zoning Commission cases (agendas, board packets, memos to Trustees, Tech Review Comments, documents, staff reports, maps, presentations and photos, and text amendments) from June 8, 2016 to present.
- All Springfield Township digital board meeting recordings and all unofficial and official Board minutes from the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission including work sessions.
- All Springfield Township administrative files (digital and electronic) regarding board member terms and appointments, and board member pay spreadsheets.
- All Springfield Township letterhead and envelopes.
- Springfield Township Building Key.

In addition the County shall provide:

- All email and text message correspondence from any and all Community Development employees regarding any and all Springfield Township matters from 06/01/2023 to present sent to office-admin@spfldtwp.org.
- A copy of the BS&A database saved as an excel file or printed copies used to log all zoning certificates and code enforcement cases.
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All digital and printed copies to be at no cost to the Township.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by John Roeder

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Not Present

Resolution: 2023- 078

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve Change Order 1, Springfield Township OPWC Project Road 37, Leffel Lane, A&B Asphalt Corporation, adjusting final quantities and reducing the contract price to \$376,607.44.

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Held 20 Resolution: 2023- 079

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve entering into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) (2) for the purpose of considering the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code

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Open to the Public

Susan Page 275 Ramar Dr

I am not representing or speaking for the school board.

I am a former teacher in business and technical writing. I have been doing a lot of research on TIFS and CRAS, which were started for blighted areas. It bothers me that the City Commission and the County Commission are marketing our county as a “Blighted Area” to developers and companies. They should be marketing our area for what we have to offer. A strong history of workforce for large companies. When a company comes into our town, we have universities, which can train employees. We are selling ourselves short, and going to give money from our community, our children, and our residents to pay a company to come in and locate here. That’s not the way we taught companies whether or not to expand their business. You are supposed to weigh the risk and their advantages. Having a company coming in and paying, the community loses revenue, and when they lose their local revenue it causes the community to go downhill. The companies and developers are not taking any financial risk themselves. There is research that shows communities that do not grant TIF’S and all the abatements do better economically in the long run.

I am writing letters to the Clark County Commissioners, and City Commissioners. I have already written a letter to the City Commissioners because I thought they were going to act on the TIF at the last City Commission Meeting. There was nothing on their agenda about TIF. I didn’t realize that the Eastside Area, and they didn’t call it a CRA on the agenda. They did receive my letter and 2 commissioners stated that the state needs to revise how to handle funding for education, instead of accepting responsibility on what they were doing. We were given no notice that they were doing a CRA, it was after it was voted on that we

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found out. In November 2022, we were told it would be for the businesses and rental properties, not housing. We were never told if you don't grant a TIF, that we are going to use a CRA. I am still doing research. The State of Ohio has listed what is considered a Blighted Area, and this doesn't fit anything in that Melody Drive Inn area. There is no way the school can take on another 375 kids financially.

Closing remarks by Trustees

Tim Foley I will say that the TIF and CRA using the school district and township revenue funds for city development is a bad deal.

John Roeder Where does this stop? Not only will it hurt the school system, but it hurts everyone in the township, because they're going to be coming back for more money, more levies. Nothing but a snowball effect.

Susan Page School Districts that have had this happen to them are now in financial problems.

NEXT REZONING HEARING WILL BE October 24th, 2023 @ 5:30PM

NEXT REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING WILL BE October 24th, 2023 @ 6PM

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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MOTION TO ENTER BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to approve by Tim Foley
Second by Jim Scoby
Discussion
Roll Call
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Board Certified


Jim Scoby, Trustee


Tim Foley, Trustee


John Roeder, Trustee


Mark Smith, Fiscal Officer

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