

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held 20

Springfield Township Trustees
October 14th, 2025
Regular Trustee Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Foley, Board President at 6 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Roll Call

Trustee Tim Foley	Present
Trustee John Roeder	Present
Trustee Dan Detrick	Present
Fiscal Officer Mark Smith	Present

Employee / Visitors in Attendance: Jennifer Tuttle, Billy Saunders, Dave Nangle, Jamie Allen, Jake Shaw, Michael Morr, Merydeth Tipton, DeAnn Foley, Larry McClosky, Katy Ryan Schilke, Roxanna Rude, Ryan Ruf, Sheila Ryan, Shawn Anon, David Noble, Edgar Baker, David Ryan

Approval of the minutes for the September 23rd, 2025 Regular Trustee Meeting

Motion to approve by Mr. Roeder
Second by Mr. Detrick
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Road Department/Cemetery

Billy Saunders:

Mr. Saunders provided a brief update on current operations:

- The cemetery remains in good condition, with continued maintenance efforts. He commended Mike for his ongoing work.
- Road crews have been performing Durapatch repairs and have recently begun crack sealing.
- Leaf collection preparation is underway. The leaf machines have been brought in to be serviced, and the first day of pickup is anticipated to begin Monday.
- During the recent heavy rainfall, a blockage was discovered in the culvert near Fourth Avenue, behind the parking lot adjacent to the movie theater. A large log had become lodged in the culvert, causing overflow. The obstruction was successfully removed, and water flow has since returned to normal.

No questions were raised following the report.

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Fire/EMS Department – Dave Nangle

Mr. Nangle reported that the department had no major updates this evening. The monthly report was previously distributed to the board.

He noted that discussions have taken place with the Fiscal Officer regarding the planned purchase of approximately eight sets of gear, with an estimated cost of \$3,500 to \$3,600 per set. A resolution for this purchase will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Nangle confirmed with Mark that funding is available for the acquisition.

Regarding the pending Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC) grant, Mr. Nangle shared that all quotes have been received from Howell Rescue. As previously mentioned, the total cost for two sets of rescue equipment is \$54,730. If approved, the State of Ohio would contribute \$40,000, leaving a \$14,000 balance for the township. Based on recent communications, the grant appears to be progressing through final administrative steps, and a decision is expected within the next one to two weeks. Mr. Nangle expressed hope that the equipment can be placed into service before inclement weather begins.

Discussion on Equipment Disposal

Mr. Roeder inquired about the disposal or potential sale of the older rescue tools.

Mr. Nangle responded that, based on conversations with Kurt at Howell Rescue, resale value is limited due to the industry-wide shift toward battery-operated equipment. He noted that GOVDeals may offer the best return, citing a recent sale of two sets in Harrison Township that yielded approximately \$600 total. While trade-in options exist, they offer minimal value. He also highlighted concerns with maintaining aging hydraulic equipment, particularly deteriorating hoses and fittings.

Mr. Nangle added that while resale options are limited, the board may consider donating the equipment to smaller departments in the region as mentioned by Mr. Roeder. He offered to explore that possibility if the board is interested. At least one gas-powered unit will need to be retained due to its compatibility with the boron steel cutter, though a battery pack option may be considered in the future.

The board will determine the preferred method of disposal once the new equipment is received.

Deputy Jake Shaw:

Deputy Shaw provided a brief report on recent activity and ongoing concerns:

- Traffic Enforcement:** Increased patrols have been initiated in the Possum Woods area in response to multiple speeding complaints, particularly during school traffic hours. Deputy Shaw noted that many of the violations appear to involve younger drivers.
- Recent Incidents:**
 - A pursuit involving an aggravated burglary suspect originating in the City of Springfield was discontinued in Huber Heights. The suspect was later apprehended by deputies in Harrison Township at a residence, where a firearm was recovered.
 - Later that afternoon, a 16-year-old fled on foot during a traffic stop. With the assistance of drone technology, the individual was taken into custody near Lower Valley Pike. A firearm equipped with a 50-round magazine was recovered during the incident.

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Deputy Shaw emphasized the department’s ongoing efforts to remove illegal firearms from the community, noting the significant time and resources required to do so.

- **Marijuana Law Clarification:** In response to recent resident complaints, Deputy Shaw provided clarification on updated provisions in the Ohio Revised Code regarding personal marijuana cultivation. Under current law:
- Adults over the age of 21 may cultivate up to six marijuana plants each, with a household maximum of 12 plants.
- Plants must be confined to a secure, fenced-in area or greenhouse not accessible to minors.
- Law enforcement cannot enter private property solely based on the odor of marijuana.

Deputy Shaw acknowledged community concerns regarding odor and visibility but reiterated that, under current law, such cultivation is permitted within the outlined parameters. He encouraged residents to reach out with questions and noted the importance of public education as laws continue to evolve.

No questions were raised following the report.

Administrator/Zoning Inspector Jennifer Tuttle:

Mrs. Tuttle provided follow-up information regarding the replacement of the cupolas damaged in the recent storm. She presented two estimates for the repair:

- **Vinyl option:** \$3,820
- **Metal option:** \$4,462

Both estimates include replacement of both cupolas to ensure a matching appearance. Mrs. Tuttle asked the board to consider which material they would prefer moving forward.

Mr. Roeder expressed support for the metal option, noting its durability. Mr. Detrick requested clarification on the vinyl cost, which Mrs. Tuttle confirmed as \$3,820.

Motion to proceed with quote from Roland Roofing for cupola repairs with the metal option.

Motion to approve by Mr. Detrick
Second by Mr. Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

Mrs. Tuttle reported ongoing water runoff concerns from the Maple Grove subdivision into the Garden Acres neighborhood. She submitted documentation to both the City of Springfield and the Clark County Engineer’s Office. Jeremy Best from the County Engineer’s Office conducted a site visit on Friday and determined the property was non-compliant due to excessive dirt piling.

Mrs. Tuttle attempted to inspect the site herself but was unable to get a clear view. Upon returning, she received an email from Mr. Best indicating that the corrective actions taken by the property owner had worsened the situation. An ultimatum was issued requiring the issue to be resolved by Friday, ahead of anticipated weekend rainfall.

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Mr. Roeder commented that he had personally driven through both the Maple Grove and Holiday Hills areas. He noted that the issue in Holiday Hills had been addressed, but the situation on Larchmont remained problematic. He expressed concern for affected residents and stated, for the record, that someone should be held accountable for the damage caused to private property, including a shed impacted by mud and runoff. He emphasized that while heavy rain contributed to the issue, the resulting damage was unacceptable.

Mrs. Tuttle reiterated that the drainage from Garden Acres naturally flows through the affected parcel and must remain unobstructed. She emphasized that the property owner cannot block the drainage path with excess dirt and committed to following up with Mr. Best to ensure compliance by Friday. No further questions were raised.

Fiscal Officer Mark Smith: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Foley shared a note of appreciation received from Carol Dull, who experienced a fall on September 8th. In her message, Ms. Dull expressed gratitude for the excellent care provided by the township's Fire and EMS personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Foley noted that discussion regarding the Public Safety Complex would take place during the public comment portion of the meeting, as several attendees appeared to be present for that topic, including concerns related to the jail. He confirmed the board would return to that item once the floor was open to the public.

He then asked if there was any new business to address. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded to the resolution portion of the agenda.

Resolution: 2025-094

A Resolution Opposing the Proposed Sloopy Solar Project

WHEREAS, Harmony Township, a neighboring Township to Springfield Township, is a rural community with a long-standing agricultural heritage, rich farmland, and natural resources vital to the health and wellbeing of its residents and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Invenergy LLC has proposed the development of a utility-scale solar energy facility known as "Sloopy Solar," which would occupy approximately 1,600 acres of farmland in Harmony Township and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Township Trustees have received input from residents expressing significant concern about the negative impacts of the Sloopy Solar project, including but not limited to: Loss of prime farmland and disruption of the township's agricultural economy;; Potential degradation of soil and water quality; Increased storm water runoff and drainage issues; Adverse effects on rural character, scenic views, and property values; Insufficient long-term planning for decommissioning and land restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Township Trustees find that such large-scale energy projects on prime farmland are incompatible with the townships and county land use goals, community character, and long-term vision;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Springfield Township, Clark County, Ohio, to formally oppose the development, construction, and operation of the proposed Sloopy Solar project within the geographic boundaries of Harmony Township

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Dan Detrick
Discussion: Mr. Foley Stated; as President of the Clark County Township Association, I will be sending off a letter opposing the Sloopy Solar project also.
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

Resolution: 2025-095

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of maintaining an accurate and up-to-date Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual that reflects current operational standards, legal requirements, and organizational needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed proposed revisions to the manual and intends to adopt those changes to improve clarity, consistency, and compliance; and

WHEREAS, a detailed list of all additions, deletions, and modifications to the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual has been prepared and is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A;

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

- 1. The Springfield Township Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended to reflect the changes outlined in Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution.
- 2. These changes shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution, and the updated manual shall be made available to all employees.
- 3. All employees shall acknowledge receipt and review of the revised manual, and the Township Administrator or designee shall ensure proper documentation of compliance.

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Dan Detrick
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

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Resolution: 2025-096

A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL A REGUALR TRUSTEE MEETING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Springfield Township, Clark County, Ohio, that the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2025, is hereby canceled in observance of Veterans Day.

Motion to approve by Dan Detrick
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

Resolution: 2025-097

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE 2026 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Trustees desires to continue its partnership with the Clark County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2026 Law Enforcement Agreement outlines the terms and conditions for such services, and the total cost shall not exceed the amount specified in the attached contract; and

WHEREAS, the agreement shall be effective January 1, 2026, and shall terminate on December 31, 2026;

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

The Board hereby authorizes the signing of the 2026 Law Enforcement Agreement with the Clark County Sheriff's Office, as presented and attached to this resolution.

Motion to approve by Dan Detrick
Second by John Roeder
Discussion Mr. Foley stated; Jake looks like you'll be around for a while. Thank you.

Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

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Resolution: 2025-098

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE/EMS ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2026 MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (MARCS) GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal, has announced the availability of funding through the FY 2026 Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Fire/EMS Department is eligible to apply for this grant to support critical communication infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, the MARCS Grant will provide funding for the following eligible expenses:

- MARCS Radios:** Up to \$3,000 per mobile/portable radio configured to MARCS specifications. Radios not meeting MARCS standards will not be funded.
- MARCS Accessories:** Including shoulder microphones, holsters, antennas, batteries, chargers, mounts, speakers, and Bluetooth functionality, as listed on the Approved Worksheets.
- MARCS Monthly Services:** Up to 12 months of service fees at \$5.00 per radio per month, applicable only after the signed grant agreement is returned.
- Programming:** Vendor programming of all radios purchased through the grant.
- Installation and Mounting:** Costs associated with properly installing and securing MARCS equipment.

WHEREAS, the grant application period opens on September 14, 2025, and closes on October 25, 2025, and the complete grant packet is attached to this resolution for reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Springfield Township, Clark County, Ohio, that the Fire/EMS Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare and submit the FY 2026 MARCS Grant application on behalf of Springfield Township.

Motion to approve by Dan Detrick
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

Resolution: 2025 – 099

Approval of Compensation Adjustment

Be it resolved by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees, Clark County, Ohio; effective October 1, 2025, Dan Hess will receive a 3% merit-based salary increase in recognition of his continued dedication and performance.

Motion to approve by Dan Detrick
Second by John Roeder
Discussion:
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

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Resolution: 2025-100

Authorization to Dispose of Outdated Equipment and Expired Records

Whereas the Township has identified a list of equipment that is no longer needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, and a set of documents that are no longer required to be retained under the State of Ohio Records Retention Schedule;

Whereas Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10 provides authority for the Board of Township Trustees to sell, donate, or otherwise dispose of Township property that is no longer needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired;

Be it resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the appropriate departments to proceed with the disposal or destruction of the attached items and documents, in accordance with ORC § 505.10 and all applicable guidelines and procedures.

This action ensures continued compliance with state recordkeeping standards and promotes efficient use of Township resources

Motion to approve by Dan Detrick
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

Resolution: 2025-101

Approval of Records Retention Schedule Updates

Be it resolved that the Springfield Township Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges and approves the updates to the Township's Records Retention Schedule as outlined in the attached document.

These updates reflect current compliance with the State of Ohio Records Retention Guidelines outlined by the Ohio History Connection and support continued responsible management of Township records.

Motion to approve by Dan Detrick
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Foley opened the meeting to the public and read the rules advising of a three minute limit.

Mr. Foley stated there are folks here to discuss the public safety complex, the jail? We'll go ahead and do that. And anybody else can come up and discuss other issues after we discuss the jail.

Mr. Foley stated his take on the public safety complex. Years ago, property on both sides of State Route 72 was annexed. To be annexed, the land must be contiguous, with the city touching. Once annexed, zoning is controlled by the city and not the township. 30 acres of the annex land on the west side of State Route 72 is now being purchased by the county.

The trustees were not involved in any discussion regarding the location, funding or design of the public safety complex. The proposed location was determined without trustee involvement, input or consultation.

Personally, I would rather see the 30 acres of existing farmland remain green space and the proposed location for the public safety complex be on blighted areas within the city that could benefit from new development and new construction.

Every Green acre in the township does not need to be replaced with high density city development and/or solar panels. Green space is good space.

Mr. Roeder stated the only thing he wanted to make a comment on is that we most definitely do need a jail. Stating, I think we can all agree on that. It is outdated, overcrowded, and it's just not practical. If you listen to Sheriff Clark's message about it, about letting people that they arrest go and can't keep in jail, then they go out and keep getting worse. They'll argue about that, they need a jail. I'm opposed to where it's going. I agree with Mr. Foley. I think there's plenty of property in blighted areas in the city that could be built on.

Mr. Foley stated: When I asked the county commissioners why the trustees were not involved in any discussion, the reason I was given was that quote, "negotiations were pending." That was their reason why we were not included.

Michael Morr 3058 Wyandot, stated they just found out about it and asked if he is correct in assuming that his property taxes will go up.

Mr. Foley indicated that we are not experts and that we have not been included in any of the discussions, but is to his knowledge that they are putting a .5% increase on the county sales tax. We are currently at 7.25% and this is going to be on the ballot to raise it to 7.75%.

Mr. Morr stated that he didn't understand that the trustees were not involved. Stating that it's not very good.

Mr. Foley stated it's not a good deal at all, also because the land was annexed we don't have any control over the zoning.

Mr. Morr asked what does blighted areas in the city mean.

Mr. Roeder stated that to his knowledge its where manufactures used to be but they have vacated and it isn't being taken care of.

Mr. Morr stated like where Collier used to be.

Mr. Roeder stated to their understanding it was supposed to go down by Burt St. & Kenton Street but they had a fire there so they pulled out of that area too.

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Mr. Foley stated it's also similar to brownfield. It would be like where a factory was where maybe like Ohio Edison was.

Merydeth Tipton 3058 Wyandot Dr. – Since they went ahead without taking any community discussion, involvement or participation in any kind of way, did anyone think about taking them to court. Like the county or us taking them to court because this will affect the value of their home. There is a little lot 2 doors down from her. How do we get railroaded into this with no discussion?

Mr. Foley indicated that the best thing that she can do is attend the county commissioners meeting, they meet on Wednesday Mornings at 8:30, to voice your concerns. The Townships legal council is the Clark County Prosecutor.

Mrs. Tipton stated that was disturbing.

Mr. Roeder stated that the land was annexed 10 years ago and it is subject to city zoning.

Mrs. Tipton stated: no way to litigate, she stated that doesn't make any sense. Does that mean that kids that live in that area get to go to a city school?

Mr. Foley stated annexation does not change the school boundaries.

Mrs. Tipton stated that's convenient.

Mr. Foley stated when you look at Bridgewater, Melody Parks, Sycamore Ridge, and Maple Grove, All of those high density subdivisions all of those kids are going to Clark Shawnee because annexation doesn't change school boundaries.

Mr. Foley stated to be annexed you have to be contiguous meaning that land has to touch the city boundary. If you have a land owner and part of their property touches the boundary, if they file an application stating they want to be annexed they are going to end up being annexed. Then the township is out of the game because once it gets annexed the city has control. The issue is that the one field can cause a domino effect.

Mrs. Tipton asked so in the area at Fallen Timbers, has that been annexed as well?

Mr. Roeder stated that has not been annexed.

Mr. Foley stated that both sides of 72 have properties that have been annexed.

Sheila Ryan – 743 Maumee Dr. Is questioning conflict of interest. Isn't Allen Armstrong a trustee?

Mr. Foley stated that he is a trustee, but not here.

Mrs. Ryan stated she wasn't sure if that was a conflict of interest. Also the property value of what was purchased. What was it sold for?

Mr. Foley stated he believes it was 30 acres for a million bucks.

Mrs. Ryan asked is that what it was appraised for.

Mr. Foley stated we weren't involved in any of the negotiations, these are just numbers that we have picked up from newspaper articles.

Mrs. Ryan stated she read it in the newspaper too, \$250k appraised value selling at 1 million dollars seems a little shady to me. She was just curious about a trustee selling the property.

Mr. Roeder said he thinks Alan Armstrong is a Green Township Trustee.

Mr. Foley stated he isn't sure if he is still active.

Mrs. Ryan and Mr. Roeder stated he is still active.

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Larry McCloskey – 2160 Cheviot Hills Dr. Stated that a few weeks ago they replaced the culvert on Cheviot Hills, he used to be able to mow the grass down into the culvert but cannot any longer and provided pictures for the record. 3 times the township has been on my property to do work. Each time they left my property less than what it was, two I can live with but this one I cannot live with. When you tell me you are done with it and tell me it's ok. I would like the person that said it's ok to get on my lawn mower and mow it across there without getting a weed eater to finish the job. I don't think it's safe.

Mr. Foley asked if we can keep the pictures that he brought. We will get someone out there to look at it.

Mr. McCloskey said yes, I would appreciate it. I went across it the other day but I was too close to the edge. I don't want to be known as a complainer.

No one else being heard, Mr. Foley closed the public portion of the meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS BY TRUSTEES

Mr. Foley stated regarding the Public Safety Complex that we have urged the Commissioners to hold a town hall meeting not an informational fair like the fiasco they held at Shawnee, it fueled the fire.

The next Trustee meeting will be held October 28th 2025 at 6 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Dan Detrick

Discussion


Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Detrick Yes

Board Certified



Tim Foley, Trustee



John Roeder, Trustee



Dan Detrick, Trustee



Mark Smith, Fiscal Officer