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Meeting

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

Held _____ 20 _____

Springfield Township Trustees

July 8, 2025

Regular Trustee Meeting

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

Mr. Foley wants to welcome Dan Detrick, our new Trustee filling the position vacated by the passing of Trustee Jim Scoby. Trustee Scoby will have the Heritage Park located behind us named after him at the request of Trustee John Roeder and approval by Trustee Roeder and I. We thank Trustee Scoby for his years of dedicated service to Springfield Township and we again welcome and congratulate Dan Detrick on his Trustee appointment. Mr. Roeder congratulated Dan as well.

Board Members Roll Call

Trustee Tim Foley	Present
Trustee John Roeder	Present
Trustee Dan Detrick	Present
Fiscal Officer Mark Smith	Not Present

Employee / Visitors in Attendance: Jennifer Tuttle, Billy Saunders, Jake Shaw, DeeAnn Foley, Tami & Mike Randall, Steve Sims, Karen Detrick, John Detrick, Edgar Baker

Approval of the minutes for the June 24th, 2025 Grass Abatement Hearing

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

Approval of the minutes for the June 24th, 2025 Regular Trustee Meeting

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

Approval of the minutes for the July 1st, 2025 Special/General Purpose Meeting

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

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Road Department/Cemetery

Billy Saunders - Mr. Saunders stated the Cemetery is doing good. Mike had it looking really nice for the 4th of July weekend. We did a bunch of mowing

before the 4th of July weekend break. We have been working on the brush pretty hard, it's rough on the guys in the heat, but we are doing good with that. We got about ½ of the new mulch put on the playground today we will continue to work on that probably tomorrow. Mr. Saunders mentioned the County resurfacing project on Suncrest, Ventura and Bicentennial was completed yesterday and it looks really nice. It's nice to have that whole subdivision buttoned up, those were some of the roughest roads we had here in the township. Mr. Saunders stated he could answer any questions that they might have. Mr. Foley stated, keep up the good work and both Mr. Foley and Mr. Roeder thanked Billy for what they do.

Fire/EMS Department

Dave Nangle – Not Present

Jamie Allen – No Present

Deputy Jake Shaw – Deputy Shaw stated it's been steady, getting ready for the Fair; it's been a big topic right now. Mr. Foley had sent an email about a speeding complaint and he has been getting a few of those. Deputy Shaw stated he averages about 70-85 calls for service a month. Just like in any other job what a lot of people don't understand is if I was to make a felony arrest at 10am, the arrest part is the easy part, the paperwork is what takes forever. And with all the paperwork that has to go to the court and everything else; it takes usually about 5 hours for a felony arrest. Then followed up by Grand Jury which is time not spent on the road. Every month they put out traffic grant hours that is paid for by the state through a grant. Usually a lot of people pick those up, so I get about 6 hours a month that I focus on speed enforcement in Springfield Township. With everything else going on, and the way Springfield Township is laid out, I could be on Old Columbus Road and then have to go to Vale Road, and if there is a Township car working then I'm expected to take that call. By the time I get through the city or take the highway, its 25-30 minutes sometimes and that's a good response time for some of the calls that we are facing right now. Deputy Shaw recommended the speed trailer that is out. It cannot be enforced but it's also something that may slow some people down. There is a list for that because they only have one. If you get any complaints and someone does want the speed trailer, get their name and address and he will get that information over to get it put out in the area. Deputy Shaw stated for the week of the Fair it is always out there on 41, but after that it should be free for a couple of weeks. Mr. Foley asked Deputy Shaw if he had the address, Deputy Shaw stated yes, the one on W. Possum, he stated he did try to stop out and make contact with them, but they did not answer.

Administrator/Zoning Inspector

Jennifer Tuttle – Mrs. Tuttle stated there will not be checks to sign tonight since the Fiscal Officer is out on vacation. When he returns he will get all those taken care of at which point Mrs. Tuttle will contact the Trustee's to come in to sign the check. Mrs. Tuttle stated there was a request from a resident who wants to shoot off toy rockets out back in the park. Mrs. Tuttle stated she forwarded it to the Trustees and wants to discuss their thoughts on that, stating

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that he at least asked ahead of time instead of just showing up to shoot those off. Mr. Roeder stated he would need a better explanation than just toy rockets. He needs to know is it something that you light with a torch, is it going to light the grass on fire, and there is a playground out there. It's kind of vague on toy rocket. Mrs. Tuttle stated those are all good questions and that she can reach out and get more details. Or if that is something that the Trustees don't want the liability. Mr. Foley stated he does appreciate a person reaching out and asking for our approval; however due to the fact that we've got people walking, walking pets back there, kids on the playground and two shelter houses. My experience with these things is that when they go up, they don't come back down where they went up, they blow with the wind. Mr. Foley stated that he doesn't think we have anything to gain, and it's going to become a headache. Mr. Foley stated he is against it. Mr. Roeder stated he agrees with Mr. Foley. He thinks it would open a can of worms if we did that. Mr. Foley asked Mr. Detrick how he feels about it, or if this is the first he has heard of it. Mr. Detrick stated it's the first he's heard of it. Mrs. Tuttle asked if the Trustees want a motion for that decision or if she should just call and give him the information. Mr. Roeder stated just give him the information. Mrs. Tuttle stated we do have another grass abatement, so a motion sheet is in front of you. This is for 2255 Seminole Ave. This is the one where the gentleman is not mowing the rear or side yard. We can set that Grass Abatement Hearing for the next meeting on August 12th at 5:45, pictures are included and Mrs. Tuttle can answer any questions that they may have.

Motion for approval to schedule a Grass Abatement Hearing for August 12th 2025 at 5:45pm based upon the formal grass abatement procedure set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, Section #505.87 for the following property.

2255 Seminole Ave. Springfield, Ohio 45502

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Dan Detrick

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Fiscal Officer

Mark Smith – Not Present

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

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Resolution: 2025-062

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the hiring for the Fire Department, the following applicants pending successful completion of background checks and required drug testing; pay based on Resolution 2019-081.

Status of Firefighter Only at \$15 hourly

Mickael Ray
Jacob Moore
Ray Walters
Braiden Barcus
Andrew Jacks

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Foley opened the meeting to the public and read the rules.

Steve Sims – 1339 Seminole Ave. came to check on the Codified Ordinance that he brought up about a year and a half ago regarding grass abatement. We could take care of a lot of these problems, he knows there are problems on Seminole. People cut trees down and just let crap stay there. We’ve got trash in the back yards and vehicles sitting around. Mr. Sims stated he thinks that if we had Codified Ordinance where we can stand behind, it would alleviate a lot of these problems. Mr. Sims stated that he had mentioned before that Oakwood City has a Codified Ordinance that he has researched and read through once before and it is very detailed. It even gets down to the point where the houses that are rented. I know there are houses in Springfield that are owned by a certain individual that will do absolutely nothing to them. There is a house that has plastic on the roof that has been there for 5 years. It specifically says that these rentals will be inspected after someone moves out so the person that moves in there has a benchmark of how they need to keep the property. Takes care of shrubs, trees, grass and all of that stuff. It is on the website for Oakwood City. Mr. Sims just wondering where that stands, if we have done anything about that or if anyone has looked into that. Mr. Foley stated that we have always had grass abatement. We have stayed away throughout the years from doing trash abatement because trash was hard to define. Did one bag of trash qualify as too much trash or five bags? Mr. Sims stated he wasn’t talking about trash he was talking about old cars sitting in driveways, crap sitting around. Mr. Foley stated when it comes to cars, as long as they have plates and air in the tires there is nothing we can do.

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~~Mr. Sims asked what about people cutting down trees and letting the wood sit there for years in their front yards. That's what a Codified Ordinance would~~
take care of. You would have something that would back you up to go over there to say hey, here it is; it's in writing, you have to do this. I think we would be better off if we had a Codified Ordinance so we would be able to stand behind getting this stuff done. Mr. Roeder stated they are going to let Jennifer talk on that. Mrs. Tuttle stated it's not the same process for a Township as the City or even a County. A Township could adopt a property maintenance code; they could create their own property maintenance code or adopt the International code. That would mean you have to hire a department to be able to enforce that. It would not be as detailed as what a City can do. There are very defined differences of what a Township can do versus a City. Mr. Sims stated that he understands that, that's been discussed about a year and a half ago. He is trying to understand where we are in the process. Are we going to do it, or are we just going to do just grass abatement? Personally I'm sitting here with properties getting run down and my property value is going down. So we need something as a community and a Township to stand behind to get these people to keep their properties up. Talk about grass abatement, how long did it take this person to report Seminole Ave. for the grass? I'm sure that grass probably hasn't been cut in four months. They have to go take pictures of it then they bring it in here, then they have a meeting. Mrs. Tuttle stated it is a long process. Mr. Sims stated if we have an ordinance that these people understand then these processes wouldn't be as bad. If these people understand that yes, they have to do this. Maybe they will start taking care of the properties. Mr. Sims is concerned about his property value, there is a house down the street that has had a car sitting there for 10 years and it's going nowhere. Mr. Sims stated he reported a driveway full of oil. All you got to do is go; here, clean the shit up. Most of these people if someone goes there and tells them that they have to do it chances are they aren't going to do it, but if you have an ordinance it will help back you up. Mrs. Tuttle stated for the Township it's not called an ordinance. If you have properties that are falling apart, or they need boarded up or there are things like the tarp on the roof. You turn those in to the building department. The building department has jurisdiction to label whether they are secure or not. Or if they need any kind of repairs, that is their jurisdiction. The Health District has jurisdiction over some of the trash. Mr. Sims stated that he understands all those groups and all the little things that people take care of, he knows how all that works. If you have a guidance for people to follow, then you will have a backbone to be able to stand behind this. So if you laid these things out in black and white we don't have to go to the Health Dept., we don't have to go to the Water Dept. we don't have to go to all these departments. Mrs. Tuttle stated they are laid out under each jurisdiction authority. So the Health Dept. has it in their code what they are allowed to enforce, so that's what they do. We have it in our code what we are allowed to enforce, so that's what we do. Unfortunately it's not a blanket coverage for the Township. Mr. Sims stated we just talked about a Codified Ordinance correct? Mrs. Tuttle stated we cannot do a Codified Ordinance, we can adopt a property maintenance code which is different. Mr. Sims stated that he must have misunderstood because when he did this a year and a half ago, he thought she told him that she talked to the attorney and said there was a Codified Ordinance they could put in. Mrs. Tuttle stated that there is a way a Township can become a different type of Township that runs similar to a City. Mr. Sims stated he knows that the City of Springfield cannot pass Codified Ordinance. Mrs. Tuttle stated it's called Home Rule Township. Mr. Sims stated he doesn't care how they term it, he could care less what you call it. He just wants properties cleaned up. He wants to be able to have the backing

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~~Held~~ ²⁰ ~~where people can go in and get this done. He doesn't care what the dance is.~~
~~He doesn't care who you call or what you call it. It makes no difference. Mrs.~~
Tuttle stated she would give him a list of the jurisdictions and who has those
authorities. Mr. Sims stated, never mind, he's been through that before. Mr.
Foley thanked Mr. Sims. Mr. Sims asked what about the weeds in the road like
on Sunnyland Blvd. We have grass growing clear out in the middle of the
roads and along the curbs and stuff. Whose job is it to maintain that? Mr.
Roeder asked, is it in front of a residence? Mr. Sims stated oh yeah. Mr.
Roeder stated it's the residents. Mr. Sims stated there again it is a grass
abatement thing, he will take a picture and bring down here. Mrs. Tuttle stated
he can give us the address, we will take the pictures. The Deputy will take a
picture with a yardstick and it has to be 18 inches. That is the process. Mr.
Sims asked where their property ends. The middle of the road or the curb.
Mrs. Tuttle stated it's different for every property. Some go to the middle of the
road some people don't. In a platted sub division most do not go to the center
line of the road, but we have to look up every property. Mr. Sims stated that on
the Southwest corner of Shawnee and Sunnyland. If you are going North on
Shawnee Ave. and you are trying to get onto Sunnyland. There are bushes
right there on the corner that makes it impossible to see to get out onto
Sunnyland unless you pull clear out onto the road. Mr. Foley stated that we
can look into that. Mr. Saunders stated that that guy's neighbor cut all that stuff
down a couple years ago.

CLOSING REMARKS BY TRUSTEES

Grass Abatement public hearing date will be held August 12th, 2025 at
5:45 p.m.

The next Trustee meeting will be held August 12th at 6 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to approve by John Roeder

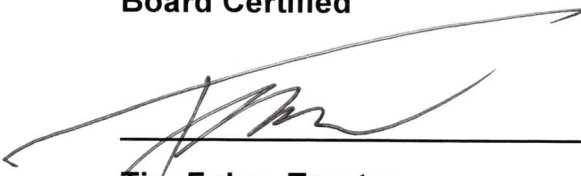
Second by Dan Detrick

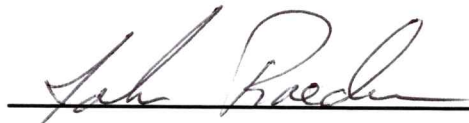
Discussion

Roll Call

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

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Tim Foley, Trustee


John Roeder, Trustee


Dan Detrick, Trustee


Mark Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Springfield Township Trustees

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2026 Revenue Budget Hearing

Meeting called to order by Tim Foley, Board President at 5:45 PM

Board Members Roll Call

Trustee Tim Foley	Present
Trustee John Roeder	Present
Trustee Dan Detrick	Present
Fiscal Officer Mark Smith	Not Present

Employee / Visitors in Attendance: Jennifer Tuttle, DeeAnn Foley, Tami & Mike Randall

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mark Smith – Not Present

Administrator/Zoning Inspector

Jennifer Tuttle – Stated the Fiscal Officer prepared the budget that the Trustees have in front of them. She just wanted to point out a couple of things; in the General Fund in the salaries you will note that the Fiscal Officer is adding an Assistant Fiscal Officer position that is coming out of the General Fund. So that is part time and that is a line item under the salaries. To note, the next 2021 Special Revenue Fund, that is that Gasoline Tax. That is where our \$300,000 for road work comes from. Everything else was pretty much standard revenue and standard increases. The 2011 Special Revenue Fund the Fire 1 mil, part of that pays the Fire Salaries. The 2141 Special Revenue Fund Road District inside millage, that's what pays the largest portion of the Road Dept. salaries. A lot of the contracted services that we do in the Road Dept. comes out of that 2231 Special Revenue Fund, permissive motor vehicle license tax. The 2281 Special Revenue Fund EMS 2 Mil that is where a lot of the EMS salaries come from that is at \$500,000. Mrs. Tuttle stated that she can answer any other questions that they may have and if she cannot answer them then Mr. Smith will be back later this week. Mr. Foley stated that one good news is that the General Fund is staying pretty constant at \$1.3 Million. So that is a good thing. Mr. Roeder asked about the cemetery at \$160,000. Mrs. Tuttle stated yes, a little bit of decrease from last year, but still pretty good.

Mr. Foley asked if there were any other questions or comments from the board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Foley opened the meeting to the public at 5:50 pm and read the rules. No Public input was heard. Closed the public portion of the meeting at 5:50 pm

CLOSING REMARKS BY TRUSTEES

None Heard

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Resolution: 2025-061

2026 Revenue Budget

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the Revenue Budget for 2026 for submission to the Clark County Budget Commission

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Dan Detrick

Discussion

Roll Call

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM

Board Certified



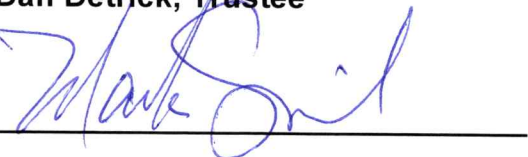
Tim Foley, Trustee



John Roeder, Trustee



Dan Detrick, Trustee



Mark Smith, Fiscal Officer