

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of
Springfield Township Trustees
Meeting

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

Held
June 25, 2024
Regular Trustee Meeting

Meeting called to order by Jim Scoby, Board President at 6:00 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, Vicki Gundolf , Jake Shaw, Susan Page, Brian Kuhn

Approval of the Minutes for the June 11, 2024 Regular Trustee Meeting

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

Special Guest

Clark Shawnee Superintendent
Brian Kuhn

I am here to update you on the 3 filings we have pending with court actions related to the housing developments. We have 2 with the Clark County Common Pleas Court related to actions taken by CEDA, which we believe violates the Open Meetings Act, and the other we filed was a Mandamus Action with the Second District Court of Appeals because we issued a Records Request with the City of Springfield in early December of 2023 and by mid-January they had not responded to our request. So we filed the Mandamus Action. The Court just ruled on that filing last week and ruled in our favor. We received \$400 on the ruling, because they did not act in bad faith.

Regarding our other 2 cases, which are ongoing cases with the Common Pleas Court. Our first filing was a result of a meeting that took place in November of 2023 where 2 Board Members present on a 7 Member Board. 4 of the 7 seats were vacated at the moment of the meeting, 3 by retroactive removal, and 1 resignation. We filed a complaint stating you

~~Held cannot have a Public Meeting and discuss Public Issues when you only have 2 of a 7 member board present.~~²⁰

CEDA stated it wasn't a Public Session. They filed a motion to dismiss but the courts did not grant it. The court has asked for oral arguments on July 18, 2024. The courts could have dismissed the case if they thought there was not enough evidence but they didn't.

CEDA stated it wasn't a Public Meeting but they called the meeting to order, they took a roll call, they took minutes, they audio recorded it, there was an agenda, and the meeting was adjourned.

The second filing involved the October 2023 Meeting where all 7 Board Members were present. At the end of the Public Hearing for the plat approval for Melody Parks, the final motion to approve, the vote was 4 No's and 3 Yes's. By Robert Rules of Order and common sense it should have been a fail. That's when the CEDA Board looked for other ways around it and determined there was a technical violation and retroactive removed 3 people from the Board, which took the outcome to 2 No's and 2 Yes's, which they stated 2 to 2 is a stale mate. When you read any sort of Robert Rules of Order, for any type of Motion to pass it has to have a majority of yes. With a tie vote, it has to fail. We are waiting to see what court action is taken.

In the Commission Meeting this week Assistant City Mayor Estrop continues to state that the School District left \$80 Million on the table over 30 years, stating we could have taken that, but they objected to the TIF.

What Dr. Estop is not providing is: if we were to get 500 students in Melody Parks they would tell you there were .6 homes with children in each household x 1200 homes that would be 700 students, but let's just say 500 students. 500 x \$10,000 which is what the state says it will take from funds to educate a student for 1 year, so with 500 students @ \$10,000 per year, that is \$ 150 Million over 30 years. So this money that was left on the table was only a piece of the pie that we should have otherwise received.

Mayor Rob Rue stated this is a School State Funding problem. My counter response to that is, so your developer is saying if we did not have these diverted tax dollars, the cost of the homes or the plot could not be afforded. So why is that our problem? You are taking our Tax Dollars to make these houses more affordable.

We have been able to reduce Open Enrollment with our district and our average class size is at 22 or 23 from Kindergarten thru Twelve Grade.

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We are in decent shape with enrollment. We are looking into options for the increase that may be happening.

Tim Foley Is there a TIF or CRA on Sycamore Ridge Development?

Brian Kuhn So right now we are in negotiations with the developers. We are trying to work with them to keep away CRA on this development. We are trying to get the best deal with this situation.

Tim Foley What about the development behind Garden Acres?

Brian Kuhn We are working with them also on that development.

Tim Foley Regarding the TIF and CRA as I have said many times, just because they are legal doesn't mean they are morally right, or ethical.

Dr. Susan Page

I feel this issue needs to be addressed at the Ohio Supreme Court, because when people vote for the school levy money and it is to be used for the schools, it says nothing about it being held for 10 or 15 years, and giving it to a development for infrastructure. TIF was designed for blighted areas in our cities so that companies would move into an area to supply jobs in those areas in the 1950's, and then it was used for residential areas, and it has happened to all the states in the United States.

The areas being developed now is farm land, which is acreage that was used for crops.

We are working with Representative Bernie Willis and he is trying to sponsor a bill, but he was looking into other states on the wordage on trying to have schools exempted from these TIF'S.

Departmental Reports

Road Department

Billy Saunders

We met with Nate Carpenter from National Trails and he showed us how to inspect our playground equipment.

We did get the crack fill machine and performing the maintenance on it. Phase 1 on Holiday and Capris is complete.

Vale Rd drainage job has been completed.

There is a tree on Forest and Meadow which is dead and it is too big for our truck. I will be getting a quote from C & S for the removal.

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GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 841, 224, 2339, FORM NO. 10-149

Held

There are issues with the reach arm mower and we may need to decide what you want to do with that piece of equipment, keep repairing it or replace it.

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Fire/EMS

Dave Nangle/ Jamie Allen Not Present

Deputy

Jake Shaw We have been extremely busy. At the end of Jefferson St we have had 2 car fires back there. I had to call the Fire Department out to use their utility vehicle. We are trying to figure out if they are stolen. Springfield City has had their gate cut and equipment stolen. We will be patrolling the road department area. Miami Valley is having a huge increase in stolen cars.

Vale Cemetery/ Grass Abatement

Vicki Gundolf Nothing

Zoning/Administrator

Jennifer Tuttle At our last meeting there was a drug policy update and I will give that to all the employees for acknowledgement. We are still working with BWC and Careworks on the transitional work program and they have done all the evaluations on all of the different jobs for potential light duty. OTARMA Risk Management came in last week with recommendations. Newsletter is in front of you and that will be placed on the website. We have a resolution for the fee using Square for credit card use, and we want to pass that on to the residents. Fire/EMS will need to hold a work session. This would be a Public Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE TO HOLD A WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS FIRE/EMS ISSUES ON JULY 9TH @ 4:00PM

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by John Roeder

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Jennifer Tuttle On the Holiday and Capri project there were some issues that came up and there was an additional \$21,544.00. As we look into the next phase we are still coming in at \$471,956.00.

OPWC Project with German Township that bid went out and I will work with German Township

There is a Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 2700 W National Rd. They are applying at the state. They do meet zoning, but the state has to approve.

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Fiscal Officer

Mark Smith We have a resolution to schedule our 2025 Tax Budget Hearing for July 9th, 2024 @ 5:45 PM

Old Business

None

New Business
Resolutions

Resolution: 2024- 065

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve wage increase for Kaitlyn Lare from EMT at \$16.00 to Paramedic at \$19.00 per hour.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by John Roeder

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Resolution: 2024- 066

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve setting the 2025 Tax Budget Hearing for July 9, 2024 @ 5:45 PM.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by John Roeder

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Resolution: 2024- 067

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to implement Credit Card processing fees charged by Square as a service charge to residents utilizing the credit card payment option as customary in government agencies.

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

Second by John Roeder

Discussion

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GOVERNMENT FORM SUPPLIES JAN 2024-3322 FORM NO. 10145

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

Held 20

Open to the Public

Closing remarks by Trustees

WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 9TH, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

2025 TAX BUDGET HEARING WILL BE HELD JULY 9TH, 2024 @ 5:45 PM

NEXT REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING WILL BE July 9TH, 2024 @6:00PM

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to approve by Tim Foley

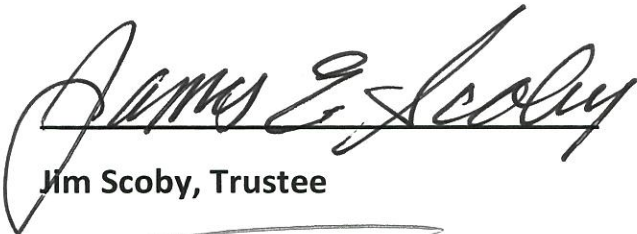
Second by John Roeder

Discussion

Roll Call

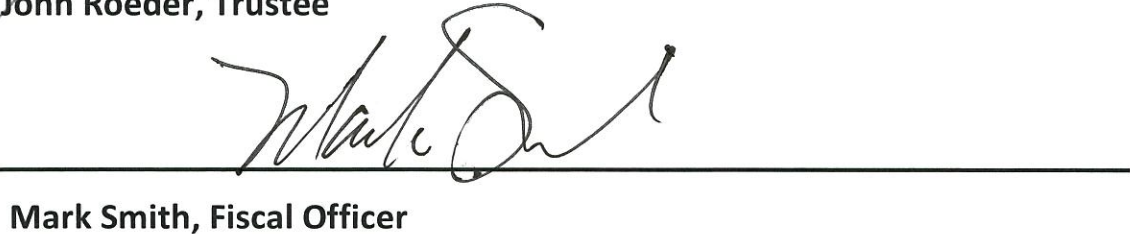
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Board Certified


Jim Scoby, Trustee


Tim Foley, Trustee


John Roeder, Trustee


Mark Smith, Fiscal Officer