

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held

May 28, 2024 20

The Board of Trustees met in Regular session with the following members present:

Mr. Paul L. Gleisinger  
Mr. Don A. Daugherty  
Mr. Brad Orewiler  
FO Anita L. Kochheiser  
Chief Adam Spellman

The meeting was called to order at 6:45p.m. by Chairman Gleisinger.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the May 13, 2024, regular meeting was read, and approved.

**Motion #90-2024:** Trustee Orewiler moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Daugherty, motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

457-2024	Charles Kleilein	\$1,681.90
458-2024	Samuel Kleilein	\$10.20
460-2024	Amanda Hike	\$81.13
462-2024	Harvey Bachman	\$758.15
463-2024	Laverne Bickers	\$287.83
464-2024	Caden Joseph Boebel	\$365.18
465-2024	Joshua Bradley	\$1,112.81
466-2024	Justin Brant	\$1,693.89
467-2024	Collin Crider	\$1,658.12
468-2024	Kyle Foust	\$1,342.84
469-2024	Dennis Gast	\$1,450.31
470-2024	Dustin Gray	\$691.12
471-2024	John Gray	\$2,692.43
472-2024	Kirstin Gray	\$1,300.13
473-2024	Christopher Kohler	\$1,992.94
474-2024	Collin McBride	\$1,524.22
475-2024	Ellen Meredith	\$1,503.70
476-2024	Richard Metzger	\$1,534.17
477-2024	Reece Miller	\$267.27
478-2024	Christopher Ott	\$1,627.70
479-2024	Gage Potter	\$1,068.28
480-2024	Benjamin Ricker	\$1,643.39
481-2024	Brian Rogers	\$9.67
482-2024	Noah Sgambellone	\$1,454.52
483-2024	Anthony Shelton	\$1,803.69
484-2024	Colton Shelton	\$1,611.84
485-2024	Jonathan Smith	\$269.87
486-2024	Adam Spellman	\$2,063.92
487-2024	Jarrod Strouth	\$1,550.76
488-2024	Ryan Swank	\$1,175.97
489-2024	Michael Thomas	\$552.77
490-2024	Angelo Tino	\$822.44
491-2024	Michael Volz	\$1,735.79
492-2024	Michael Wilson	\$1,826.86
493-2024	Brody Worner	\$1,416.31
494-2024	Jeffrey Young Jr.	\$1,016.90
496-2024	Donald Daugherty	\$1,755.17
497-2024	Paul Gleisinger	\$1,614.99
498-2024	Anita Kochheiser	\$1,311.19

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499-2024	Bradley Orewiler	\$1,730.82
500-2024	William Scott	\$505.49
502-2024	Internal Revenue Service	\$8,966.71
503-2024	Prudential Retirement	\$2,019.00
504-2024	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$980.00
41818	Richland Bank H.S.A. Account	\$422.00
41819	Sensenig Drainage	\$783.75
41820	The Olen Corporation	\$729.28
41821	PFund Superior Sales Co., Inc.	\$68,452.40
41822	Fire Safety Services, Inc.	\$1,073.50
41823	First Net	\$317.68
41824	Breathing Air Systems Division	\$1,119.62
41825	Ag Pro	\$52.96
41826	Aladtec, Inc.	\$4,473.00
41827	Verizon Wireless	\$156.48
41828	Active 911, Inc.	\$879.65
41829	Burgess Hearse & Ambulance Sales	\$338.24
41830	Napa Auto Parts-Col222	\$462.60
41831	Amazon Capital Services	\$539.75
41832	Charter Communications	\$908.81
41833	Colonial Life	\$1,218.70
41834	Vision Service Plan-OH	\$509.67
41835	Tractor Supply Co.	\$79.99
41836	Elan Financial Services	\$586.03

Total Payments: \$145,686.22

**Motion #91-2024:** Trustee Daugherty made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, motion carried.

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds on deposit in the Springfield Township Treasury to pay the bills listed.

  
 Arita L. Kochheiser, Fiscal Officer

**Present:** Craig Hunt, Collin McBride, Matthew Carey, Justin Brant, Ellen Meredith, Ben Ricker, Amy Carns, Collin Crider, Chris Ott, and Amanda Hike.

Chief Spellman wanted to give Jarrod Strouth his appreciation for the excellent job he did at landscaping Station #1.

Trustee Orewiler asked Chief Spellman if he had received any responses for the Fire Inspector position. Chief Spellman had only received a few responses and none of them looked promising.

Trustee Gleisinger updated the Board on the Road Department activities. The Road Department has been working on a few patches and getting ready to mow roads and cemeteries.

Trustee Gleisinger received a quote from Small's Asphalt for the portion of Alta West Road that is east of Lexington-Springmill Road to be asphalted. For all three items that were proposed, asphalt & chip and seal, the total estimated cost would be \$239,965.85. Trustee Gleisinger proposed that only item #3, the asphalt work, be done this year at an estimated cost of \$122,610.35. This amount does not include the estimated \$30,000 for the Home Road

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Cooperative Paving agreement with Madison Township that also goes towards this year's budget for road paving. The Board gave approval for Trustee Gleisinger to proceed with finishing the bid specs for the asphalt work on Alta West Road that is east of Lexington-Springmill Rd & to get the ad ran for the following two weeks.

**Resolution #92-2024:** Trustee Gleisinger moved for a Resolution that be it resolved by the Board of Springfield Township Trustees of Richland County, Ohio that this Board determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mil limitation will be insufficient and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Springfield Township, Richland County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus and appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or fire-fighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firemen employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to Fifteen Cents (\$0.15) for each one hundred dollar of valuation for five (5) years and which levy is a renewal levy of an existing levy. The question of approving the levy shall be submitted to the electors of "Springfield Township" at the election to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 and that said levy to be placed on the tax lists of the current tax year, commencing in 2024, first due in the calendar year 2025, in compliance with the provisions of ORC 5705.34, if a majority of the electors voting therein vote in favor thereof. That a copy of this Resolution be certified immediately by the Fiscal Officer of this Board to the Richland County Auditor with instructions to calculate and certify to this Board (i) the total current tax valuation of Springfield Township, (ii) the levy's rate, expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, (iii) the dollar amount of revenue to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by the renewal levy of 1.5 mills for each one dollar of taxable value, (iv) and an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the Township remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the Auditor to the County Budget Commission. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with law, seconded by Trustee Daugherty and upon its adoption, the roll call vote resulted as follows: Paul Gleisinger "Aye," Don Daugherty "Aye," & Brad Orewiler "Aye." Motion carried.

**Resolution #93-2024:** Trustee Gleisinger moved for a Resolution that be it resolved by the Board of Springfield Township Trustees of Richland County, Ohio that this Board determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mil limitation will be insufficient and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Springfield Township, Richland County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus and appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or fire-fighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firemen employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a fire department or

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firefighting company pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(I) at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to Twenty Cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollar of valuation for five (5) years, and which levy is a renewal levy of an existing levy. The question of approving the levy shall be submitted to the electors of "Springfield Township" at the election to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 and that said levy to be placed on the tax lists of the current tax year, commencing in 2024, first due in the calendar year 2025, in compliance with the provisions of ORC 5705.34, if a majority of the electors voting therein vote in favor thereof. That a copy of this Resolution be certified immediately by the Fiscal Officer of this Board to the Richland County Auditor with instructions to calculate and certify to this Board (i) the total current tax valuation of Springfield Township, (ii) the levy's rate, expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, (iii) the dollar amount of revenue to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by the renewal levy of two (2) mills for each one dollar of taxable value, (iv) and an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the Township remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the Auditor to the County Budget Commission. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with law, seconded by Trustee Orewiler and upon its adoption, the roll call vote resulted as follows: Paul Gleisinger "Aye," Don Daugherty "Aye," & Brad Orewiler "Aye." Motion carried.

Trustee Orewiler informed the Board, for information only, that oil drilling was occurring on Burnison Road.

FO Kochheiser informed the Board that FO Asst. Amanda Hike will be working more hours for her starting June 1<sup>st</sup> to learn more of the financial aspects of her position so that she may use her as a back-up. She is also going to give her a \$2.00/hr. raise, taking her to \$18.00, because she has done an excellent job to this point and will be taking on more responsibilities.

In response to the meeting on May 13, 2024, wherein Trustee Daugherty made directives to FO Kochheiser, including to be present at his special budget meetings, to deliver his mail to Station #1 instead of Station #2, and his desire to give permission to Chief Spellman and Assistant Gracie Gray to accept ACH and Credit Card payments for inspections against FO Kochheiser's prior 2 explanations that she is not willing/able to do at this time, FO Kochheiser provided each of the Trustees a copy of a page from the Township Handbook relating to the Fiscal Officer's Relationship to the Trustees that states in part ....The Township Fiscal Officer is elected by the people of the Township and is like the Trustees, responsible only to the people....thus, a trustee lacks authority to direct the actions of the fiscal officer, who is considered to be a co-equal elected official responsible to the people. She further stated that this will put an end to this matter.

**Motion #94-2024:** Trustee Orewiler accepted the resignation of Zoning Inspector William Scott effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, seconded by Trustee Gleisinger, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Collin McBride addressed the Board about Benjamin Ricker who has been at the Springfield Township Fire Department for 20 years. He was taken off work duties and did not have enough hours to cover his time off. He was able to cover 2 months of the leave, 3 months were donated, and 1

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month was unpaid. Mr. McBride believes the firefighters are not getting enough paid time off and they have to rely on vacation time and sick time if they are severely injured or ill long term. He investigated throughout the county of accrual rates for time off and Springfield Township firefighters are the lowest. Over the last four years the overtime of the firefighters has been significantly decreased, saving \$8,000 a year in overtime labor. Mr. McBride asked if that savings could potentially be used to provide short term disability for the firefighters. Trustee Daugherty has looked into adding short term disability to the current benefit plan at one time and there was a lot involved in following through, however he could possibly look into it again. Mr. McBride also asked if the cap on the amount an individual firefighter could donate to another be removed. Trustee Daugherty responded that the cap is in place so that an individual firefighter could not donate all of their time in the instance that firefighter would need time off.

\*Corrections made to this statement in meeting minutes for 6/10/2024\*

Matt Carey informed the Board that the BWC has 480 hours for each individual firefighter to use if it is BWC related. It must be approved through BWC first.

Mr. Carey also reiterated that FO Kochheiser's elected position does not state that she has to be a secretary for the Trustees, and he questioned whether or not the budget meetings were going to be public meetings. He also asked why he could receive 52 records from the BWC via email from the Prosecutor, yet he has not received the records he requested from Trustee Daugherty or Former Trustee Carns. He has taken pictures of Trustee Daugherty writing in a notebook and he has not received any records pertaining to the notebook as he requested as well as former Trustee Carns typing on her computer that all her public records were wiped or destroyed when she left office. Mr. Carrey also stated that the Township has been discussing since 2020 about getting the parking lot repaved and it still has yet to be done and he also did not understand the Township having a 10 million dollar carry over and they cannot approve a radio switcher for the Fire Department for \$2,500 which would greatly improve their ability to connect with dispatch.

Amy Carns stated that she believes a lot of chaos is perpetuated by the friendship & communication between Matt Carey and FO Kochheiser. FO Kochheiser responded that since Matt is no longer the Chief that is not the case, however they talked a lot when he was Chief just like she currently talks a lot to Chief Spellman.

Mr. Hunt asked the Board if at one time the Firefighters had Aflac Insurance. FO Kochheiser responded that the Aflac plan was paid for by the firefighters out of their own money.

Trustee Orewiler asked Chief Spellman about the mobile switcher device and Chief Spellman responded that it is a device that will broadcast on multiple channels so dispatch can hear the Firefighters better.

**Motion #95-2024:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Orewiler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Gleisinger, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

APPROVED Paul Gleisinger

ATTESTED Ante Kochheiser