

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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

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Resolution #105-2024: Trustee Gleisinger moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

Whereas, on the 28th day of May, 2024, this Board adopted a resolution determining to submit to the electors of Springfield Township, Richland County, Ohio, described below, a copy of which resolution was certified to the County Auditor of Richland County, and whereas the property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage, assuming the taxable value of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$572,000.00. (2) The total taxable value of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$414,886,620.00. (3) The millage for the requested levy is 2.0 mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$70.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value. Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Springfield Township Trustees of Richland County, Ohio that this Board desires and determines to proceed with the submission to the electors of the question of levying 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 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 fire-fighting company pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(I), at a rate not exceeding 2.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.70 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for five (5) years, and which levy is a renewal 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 5th day of November, 2024 and that said levy 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. The Fiscal Officer of this Board is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections of Richland County, Ohio, not less than ninety days before the election, and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law. 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 accordance with the law. Trustee Orewiler seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Paul Gleisinger “Aye”, Don Daugherty “Aye”, and Brad Orewiler “Aye,” motion carried.

Trustee Orewiler questioned why the roads of the Township are not being mowed. The Road Department is short staffed, however the Township spent \$170,000 on equipment that is not being utilized. Trustee Orewiler proposed that the roads be mowed 4 times a year.

Trustee Orewiler informed the Board that BrightSpeed will be in the Township installing Fiber Optics in June on the North End.

A house on Lewis Road received their second citation by certified mail for mowing violations. The lawn has now been mowed.

The cemetery currently has no more plots available for purchase. A customer purchased the last plot and made several complaints that the adjacent plot is too close to the one he purchased. The customer wanted to place rocks around his headstone and will not have the room to do so. Trustee Orewiler

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would like to refund \$280.00 for the purchase of the plot to the customer and to vacate the plot in question. Board approved.

Trustee Orewiler provided the Board with a quote from Oyster for the parking lot of Station #1. He will provide another quote next meeting with prevailing wage. Trustee Gleisinger informed Trustee Orewiler that the quote is not enough, and his bid was 57 pages long and he will need additional information in order to proceed. Trustee Daugherty also informed Trustee Orewiler that his bid was 37 pages long.

Motion: #106-2024: Trustee Orewiler made a motion to make the Fire Inspector's pay at a Senior Firefighters rate, motion died due to lack of a second.

FO Kochheiser provided the Board with the May Management Reports for approval and signatures, and they approved same.

FO Kochheiser presented the Board with motions and resolutions to approve the acceptance of the FEMA-Safer Grant monies.

Motion #107-2024: Trustee Gleisinger made a motion to accept the grant award in the amount of \$931,188.57 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant with the purpose of hiring & maintaining additional firefighters for a three (3) year period, seconded by Trustee Daugherty and upon a roll call vote all members voted "Aye," motion carried.

Motion #108-2024: Trustee Gleisinger made a motion to establish Fund 2904 entitled "FEMA-Safer Grant" for purpose of depositing and distributing the funds, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, and upon a roll call vote all members voted "Aye," motion carried.

Motion #109-2024: Trustee Gleisinger made a motion to approve the 2024 Amended Certificate, adding the FEMA-Safer Grant Fund 2904 in the amount of \$296,238.12, seconded by Trustee Daugherty, and upon a roll call vote all members voted "Aye," motion carried.

Motion #110-2024: Trustee Gleisinger made a motion to approve the 2024 Amended Permanent Appropriations to add the necessary line items within Fund 2904 for payment of wages & benefits from the FEMA-Safer Grant, seconded by Trustee Daugherty, and upon a roll call vote all members voted "Aye," motion carried.

Resolution #111-2024: Trustee Gleisinger moved for a resolution to approve appropriation transfers within the General Fund, from 1000-120-599-0000 to 1000-920-920-0000 (\$100,000.00) and from 1000-760-730-0000 to 1000-920-920-0000 (\$196,238.12) which allows resources needed to complete an advance of funds from the General Fund to the FEMA-Safer Grant, since said grant is funded on a reimbursement basis. This advance is to be paid back to the General Fund from the FEMA-Safer Grant once funding of said fund is adequate to meet its obligations, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, and upon a roll call vote all members voted "Aye," motion carried.

Resolution #112-2024: Trustee Gleisinger moved for a resolution Authorizing the Advance of Funds for Springfield Township, Richland County, Ohio Between the General Fund (1000) & the FEMA-Safer Grant Fund (2904) in the amount of \$296,238.12, said advance will be repaid upon receipt of all reimbursement from the Grantor and said Advance will be carried over into the following fiscal years, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, and upon a roll call vote all members voted "Aye," motion carried.

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Public Comment: Collin McBride wanted corrections made to the May 28th, 2024, meeting minutes. The statement “ He was able to cover 2 months of the leave, 3 months were donated, and 1month was unpaid” was Justin Brandt and not Benjamin Ricker and he did not say he would like the cap removed for the amount one firefighter could donate to another, he was just inquiring about why there was a cap. Also, over the last four years overtime pay has significantly decreased, saving the department \$100,000 and the \$8,000.00 was from holiday pay that has been saved due to holiday pay being revoked. These corrections will be noted in the said minutes.

Chief Spellman commented on the reservations the Board seems to have regarding hiring a Fire Inspector. Mike Wilson added to Chief Spellman’s comments letting the Board know what the Fire Inspector does in addition to fire inspections.

Trustee Gleisinger had reservations due to past issues and he did not want to entertain the idea of a Fire Inspector until the two Firefighters currently on leave came back, however due to the comments made, he will think about it and bring the discussion back to the next meeting. Trustee Gleisinger would also like to promote three people to lieutenant so there could be two lieutenants on each shift.

Motion #113-2024: Trustee Gleisinger made a motion to go into executive session at 8:48 pm for the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing, seconded by Trustee Daugherty, motion carried.

Motion #114-2024: Trustee Orewiler made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:23 pm, seconded by Trustee Daugherty, motion carried.

Motion #115-2024: There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Orewiler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Daugherty, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

APPROVED Paul Gleisinger

ATTESTED Ante L Kovt