

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held

February 17, 2026

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

Mr. Paul L. Gleisinger  
Mr. Brad Orewiler  
Ms. Anita L. Kochheiser  
FO Amanda Hike  
Chief Adam Spellman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Trustee Gleisinger.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion #30-2026:** Trustee Orewiler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 2, 2026, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Kochheiser, motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

159-2026	Charles Kleilein	\$2,209.08
160-2026	Samuel Kleilein	\$1,937.35
162-2026	Harvey Bachmann	\$777.28
163-2026	Laverne Bickers	\$240.90
164-2026	Joshua Bradley	\$1,196.85
165-2026	Justin Brant	\$1,789.64
166-2026	Luke Bruce	\$1,594.31
167-2026	Cody Burden	\$1,676.71
168-2026	Michael Carey	\$1,775.51
169-2026	Roger Chambers	\$338.73
170-2026	Priscilla Dipadova	\$1,329.61
171-2026	Addison Fonner	\$1,624.41
172-2026	Kyle Foust	\$163.95
173-2026	Dennis Gast	\$1,802.39
174-2026	Scott Gerber	\$644.35
175-2026	Dustin Gray	\$551.18
176-2026	John Gray	\$1,824.88
177-2026	Kirstin Gray	\$1,451.99
178-2026	Gabriel Ivy	\$1,002.02
179-2026	Tanner Keinath	\$1,402.99
180-2026	Christopher Kohler	\$1,572.31
181-2026	Ellen Meredith	\$1,607.00
182-2026	Richard Metzger	\$1,706.02
183-2026	Reece Miller	\$2,117.51
184-2025	Lucas Morton	\$718.98
185-2026	Christopher Ott	\$1,821.34
186-2026	Benjamin Ricker	\$2,492.10
187-2026	Noah Sgambellone	\$761.95
188-2026	Anthony Shelton	\$2,009.47
189-2026	Colton Shelton	\$894.74
190-2026	Jonathan Smith	\$1,753.93
191-2026	Adam Spellman	\$2,291.49
192-2026	Jarrold Strouth	\$1,677.28
193-2026	Ryan Swank	\$946.30
194-2026	Angelo Tino	\$2,108.72
195-2026	Michael Volz	\$1,804.34
196-2026	Michael Wilson	\$2,167.54
197-2026	Kimora Wong	\$903.19
198-2026	Brody Worner	\$1,614.51
200-2026	Internal Revenue Service	\$10,532.90
201-2026	Prudential Retirement	\$2,331.00
202-2026	Ohio Department of Taxation	\$4,121.57
203-2026	School District Income Tax	\$428.15

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204-2026	Medical Mutual of Ohio	\$64,250.71
45486	Park National Bank H.S.A. Account	\$634.30
45487	City of Mansfield	\$478.26
45488	City of Ontario, Ohio	\$163.40
45489	Amazon Capital Services	\$529.90
45490	Verizon Wireless	\$200.71
45491	The Aerial Guy, LLC	\$547.55
45492	Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC	\$3,050.13
45493	Santmyer Energy	\$899.25
45494	Rahall's Custom Vans	\$5,400.00
45495	Modern Office Methods	\$251.20
45496	Magic Garage Door, Inc.	\$709.00
45497	Knox Company	\$2,372.00
45498	Harbor Freight Tools	\$217.18
45499	ESO Solutions	\$543.75
45500	Your Fleetcard Program	\$776.86
45501	Amazon Capital Services	\$1,230.54
45502	Lesch Battery	\$245.00
45503	CLIA Laboratory Program	\$248.00
45504	Magnegrip	\$421.16
45505	Ag Pro	\$85.98
45506	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$34.67
45507	Richland County Soil & Water	\$8,300.00
45508	Government Forms & Supplies	\$116.21
45509	Rumpke	\$138.96
45510	Charter Communications	\$994.45
45511	Ohio Edison	\$2,702.72
45512	Columbia Gas	\$4,437.37
45513	City of Ontario-Water/Sewer Bill	\$155.81
45514	Kimball Midwest	\$693.97
45515	Napa Auto Parts-Col222	\$87.51
45516	All American Fire Equipment, Inc.	\$319.85
45517	Mike Carey	\$89.27
45518	Hill International Trucks, LLC	\$33.67
45519	Timeclock Plus, LLC	\$1,649.75
45520	Goldstar Products, Inc.	\$548.50
45521	Elan Financial Services	\$2,416.09
45522	Clemans-Nelson & Associates, Inc.	\$250.00
45523	Colonial Life Insurance	\$1,388.45
	Total Payments:	\$181,328.60

**Motion #31-2026:** Trustee Orewiler made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Kochheiser, motion carried.

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

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Amanda Hike, Fiscal Officer

**Present:** Craig Hunt, Jarrod Strouth, Steve Arnett, Nathan Volz, AC Shelton,

Zoning Inspector Steve Arnett presented the Board with a question regarding legal counsel. There are instances where he needs outside legal advice

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and didn't know if he could go to the Richland County Prosecutor or seek the advice of Renwick-Welsh & Burton. There is a house on Marion Ave. that a resident is wanting to put an addition on to run his Chiropractic service through. The Zoning Resolution has nothing in it to prevent the resident from doing so but Steve didn't want to tell him it was okay and then a neighbor complains and it goes to the Richland County Prosecutor and it was wrong. Steve asked Richland County Regional Planning and Zoning and Jotika did not find anything in the Zoning Resolution, but she was not giving legal advice. Trustee Kochheiser advised Steve that the Richland County Prosecutor is free so use them when possible and if you must use Rinehart-Walter & Danner to ask the Trustees for permission. Another question Steve had for the Board was that there is no application for a sign and what is to be used for that. Trustee Gleisinger informed Steve that there is an application with the City of Ontario but not with Springfield Township. It is in the zoning laws, however there is no form and to check with Scottie to see if we ever had one. Trustee Gleisinger also advised to look at a previous incident where a sign was approved and to look in that file for what was used. Steve had looked at a previous incident and did not find an application; however, he will ask Scottie. Trustee Gleisinger added that at the bottom of the Zoning Permit all of the charges are listed. For a sign it's \$10. Trustee Gleisinger asked Steve if he thought all of the fees should be reviewed by the Trustees. For the brief period Steve has been Zoning Inspector, he didn't know if they should be revised. Trustee Kochheiser suggested Steve look at neighboring townships to see what they are charging.

Chief Spellman wanted to give a shout out to the Road Department, especially Charlie Kleilein. Two cows had fallen through the ice of a pond and one of the cows was too big for the Fire Department to retrieve with their equipment. Charlie brought the backhoe to the scene and was able to lift the big cow out of the pond. It was a good team effort between the Road Department, Fire Department, and the owners of the cows.

Chief Spellman received an email last week from the State Fire Marshal awarding the Springfield Township Fire Department a training grant for \$2,800 for reimbursement of last year's training.

**Motion #32:** Trustee Kochheiser made a motion to accept the \$2,800.00 Training Grant from the State Fire Marshal, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, motion carried.

Chief Spellman advised the Board that last year the Fire Department received funding from the Marc's Grant for radios and the Fire Department did not get the full amount that was anticipated. He wanted to purchase six radios but now he is only going to purchase five. The township will have to pay \$1,166.70 for the five radios.

**Motion #33:** Trustee Kochheiser made a motion to buy five radios paying the difference of \$1,166.70, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, motion carried.

Chief Spellman has been communicating with Verizon about wireless for the ladder truck. The Truck does not have the capability for wireless however they could get a cradle point with cloud service. The cost would be \$385 for 3 years or \$640 for five years for the router and Net Cloud. Chief Spellman also advised the Board that they may want to consider updating the other Cradlepoints. The cost would be for each Cradlepoint and the update for the ladder truck would not work with the other Cradlepoints because they never had internet. Trustee Kochheiser asked if the cost was \$385 for three years or \$385 a year for three years. Chief Spellman clarified that there is a one-time charge and then you would have the monthly charge for the data service. Trustee Kochheiser suggested the department choose three years because technology can

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change and you never know what you will need to be locked into 5 years. Trustee Gleisinger stated that he would be okay with the router and net cloud for the ladder truck. Board approved three years for the ladder truck.

Chief Spellman presented the Board with the year-end report for 2025. The department had just shy of 2,500 runs of which 13% were over lapping. 1,400 people were transported to the hospital and mutual aid was given 141 times. Chief Spellman also advised the Board the EMS billing is not 100% because people are still paying their bills from last year.

Chief Spellman had a call today where someone was choking and went into cardiac arrest at Outback Steakhouse. The police used a med vac and the fire department used the new laryngoscope that was bought last year. Chief Spellman just wanted to give a shout out for the amazing job the fire department and police department provided today.

Trustee Gleisinger updated the Board on the Road Department. They are still plowing. The department ordered salt January 26, and they won't get the salt delivered until March. The City of Ontario wrote an agreement to allow Springfield Township to take 250 tons from the city. The Road Department took 125 tons of salt for now and when our salt comes in, we will have to replace the salt from the city. Trustee Kochheiser asked how much salt the township uses each time they go out. Trustee Gleisinger responded that it depends on the event. Normally with both trucks, probably 10-20 tons of salt per event. Even the city's salt pile was down and was only salting hills and intersections. Trustee Gleisinger suggested that while the township's salt supplies are low, they could only salt hills and intersections. Also, on Sunday the daughter of one of the Trustees from Madison Township was on Lewis Road and popped her tire on a pothole so the next two days the Road Department is planning on patching.

Trustee Gleisinger completed his public records training and gave FO Hike a copy of his certificate. He will also be attending Pavement Preservation on Thursday the 19th and will be attending the Regional Planning meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Gleisinger informed the Board that he called Land Liberty Coalition to let them know the Lions Club would not like them to attend the Pancake Breakfast.

Trustee Gleisinger reminded the Board that he is authorized to make changes to the gas supplier. The township moved to large commercial because it went over 30,000 CCF. He has all three bills and is looking to change gas suppliers and get at least a two-to-three-year contract.

Trustee Orewiler plans to attend the Pavement Preservation Conference on Thursday the 19th as well and has a Safety Meeting scheduled at the same time so he asked if someone else could attend the Safety Meeting in his place. He asked for volunteers or he would assign AC Shelton. AC Shelton has a class that day, so he was unable to attend. Chief Spellman offered to ask Administration Assistant Kirstin Gray if she could attend. Trustee Orewiler advised that Kirstin will not have to stop at the front door but she will have to sign in.

Trustee Orewiler did a public records request for the Troy Township's Fire Department and found out they collected \$317,821.17 for EMS runs. Trustee Gleisinger asked how many runs they provided. Jarrod Strouth responded they provided 1,200 last year however the total was for Fire and EMS. He also clarified that Troy Township is making money on mileage because some of the hospital transports are 20 miles per run. Each run is at least 8 to 10 miles.

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Trustee Kochheiser informed the Board that until the Open House is here, she is just going to keep it on her agenda. She made a flyer and asked if the Fire Department and the Trustees could look at it and give her any suggestions. She also is planning to send a letter to Mark Romanchuk to see if he will attend. She wanted to put his name on the flyer in hopes of drawing people to the event. She also requested that if anyone could think of anyone else that would be good to have at the event, she would send them a letter and personal invitation. The Mayor of Ontario and Safety Director was suggested.

Debby from Medicount was able to set the new EMS rates effective February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. She was not able to go back to the beginning of the year due to having billed some runs already, so the form needed to be signed again by the Trustees with the new effective date. The Trustees will have to sign another one for next year and Debby is going to put that on her calendar as a reminder.

Trustee Kochheiser reminded the Board that when she was Fiscal Officer the Board seemed to assign Trustees responsible for certain things and she would like to be considered for the Fire Department and Trustee Orewiler as a backup. Trustee Gleisinger didn't mind Trustee Kochheiser being the first in charge of the Fire Department and Trustee Orewiler as the second.

Trustee Kochheiser was the first Trustee ever to go on a ride along with the Fire Department. During the ride along the department got a call and she rode along to the hospital. There was not another call during the time she was there and she stayed until 3pm. She recommended that the other Trustees do a ride along. Chief Spellman showed her different operational things, and she got to see Nate in action and the Lucas Cot.

Trustee Kochheiser took over the claim on the Fire Truck and has been working with Ohio Mutual's Adjuster and Ohio Plan. Ohio Plan utilizes a claim tracker to track the progress of the claim. Ohio Plan is now taking over the claim because the at fault driver's plan only had 250,000 in coverage. The value of the department's truck is \$255,000.00 and the estimated damage is \$198,000.00 which is more than 75% of the truck's value so Ohio Plan is totaling the truck. Ohio plan assigned an adjuster, and he commented that he had wished the township had called him sooner. He has completed his paperwork and as soon as Ohio Plan finalizes their report, they will let us know. Trustee Gleisinger stated that the big question is what Ohio Plan is going to pay and the truck is going to take a year to fix. Chief Spellman added that the truck is already 11 years old and by the time it is fixed it will be 12 years old which would immediately qualify the truck to go into reserve status. Trustee Gleisinger informed Chief Spellman that townships usually keep their trucks for 20 years. Chief Spellman agreed that the township runs it for 10 years on the front line and keeps it in reserve status for 10 years, however the department still must start the process. Those are the guidelines of the NFPA. Trustee Gleisinger added that his job as a Trustee is to be a good steward for the taxpayer's money and something to ask Marc Pfizenmayer from Rinehart Insurance when communicating with him is why the township is paying premiums on a \$675,000.00 value when the truck is only worth a third of that. Also, at what point do we need to get an attorney involved.

FO Hike presented the Board with the January Management Reports for signatures. The reports were emailed to all the Trustees prior to the meeting for review.

FO Hike presented the Board with the 2026 Permanent Appropriations.

**Motion #34:** Trustee Kochheiser made a motion to approve the 2026 Permanent Appropriations as prepared by the Fiscal Officer to make it possible

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to pay the bills for the year 2026, seconded by Trustee Gleisinger and upon a roll call vote all members voted "Aye".

FO Hike presented the Board with a letter from Vertical Bridge. They are offering a lump sum cash payout or a structured buyout over three to five years to the township to have an easement to the land instead of the current lease which they pay monthly for. The Board gave Trustee Kochheiser permission to call Vertical Bridge and negotiate to see what kind of offer they are willing to give as the letter did not state an exact amount.

**Public Comment: No comment**

**Motion #35-2026:** Trustee Gleisinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Kochheiser, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED: Paul Gleisinger

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_