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Minutes of

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Meeting

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

Held

January 20, 2026 20

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 #10-2026: Trustee Kochheiser moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for January 05, 2026, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

50-2026	Bureau of Workers' Compensation	\$1,748.00
51-2026	Charles Kleilein	\$2,387.46
52-2026	Samuel Kleilein	\$1,928.89
54-2026	Amanda Hike	\$231.26
56-2026	Harvey Bachmann	\$497.34
57-2026	Jacob Bartram	\$249.89
58-2026	Laverne Bickers	\$66.34
59-2026	Joshua Bradley	\$1,191.40
60-2026	Justin Brant	\$1,784.20
61-2026	Luke Bruce	\$2,616.04
62-2026	Cody Burden	\$1,898.50
63-2026	Michael Carey	\$1,764.63
64-2026	Roger Chambers	\$169.82
65-2026	Priscilla Dipadova	\$886.94
66-2026	Addison Fonner	\$646.16
67-2026	Kyle Foust	\$163.95
68-2026	Dennis Gast	\$2,394.29
69-2026	Scott Gerber	\$609.57
70-2026	Dustin Gray	\$207.51
71-2026	John Gray	\$1,807.80
72-2026	Kirstin Gray	\$1,441.11
73-2026	Gabriel Ivy	\$1,002.02
74-2026	Tanner Keinath	\$1,231.30
75-2026	Christopher Kohler	\$2,655.37
76-2026	Ellen Meredith	\$1,803.32
77-2026	Richard Metzger	\$1,957.69
78-2026	Reece Miller	\$1,610.37
79-2026	Lucas Morton	\$1,251.68
80-2026	Christopher Ott	\$1,989.90
81-2026	Benjamin Ricker	\$1,834.55
82-2026	Noah Sgambellone	\$508.21
83-2026	Anthony Shelton	\$1,992.40
84-2026	Colton Shelton	\$1,216.52
85-2026	Jonathan Smith	\$1,675.03
86-2026	Adam Spellman	\$2,281.62
87-2026	Jarrod Strouth	\$1,667.09
88-2026	Ryan Swank	\$1,102.45
89-2026	Michael Thomas	\$16.35
90-2026	Angelo Tino	\$2,290.41
91-2026	Michael Volz	\$1,787.26
92-2026	Michael Wilson	\$2,040.68
93-2026	Kimora Wong	\$111.67
94-2026	Brody Worner	\$1,601.61

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96-2026	Steven Arnett	\$522.57
97-2026	Paul Gleisinger	\$1,471.10
98-2026	Amanda Hike	\$2,511.49
99-2026	Anita Kochheiser	\$953.82
100-2026	Bradley Orewiler	\$1,791.66
102-2026	Internal Revenue Service	\$11,311.46
103-2026	Internal Revenue Service	\$686.41
103-2026	Internal Revenue Service	-\$686.41
104-2026	Prudential Retirement	\$2,331.00
105-2026	City of Mansfield	\$483.18
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106-2026	City of Ontario	\$132.21
106-2026	City of Ontario	-\$132.21
107-2026	City of Ontario	\$30.24
107-2026	City of Ontario	-\$30.24
108-2026	School District Income Tax	\$431.57
109-2026	Ohio Department of Taxation	\$4,015.18
110-2026	Medical Mutual of Ohio	\$65,533.12
45427	Park National Bank H.S.A. Account	\$634.30
45428	Park National Bank H.S.A. Account	\$100.00
45428	Park National Bank H.S.A.	-\$100.00
45429	Skipped Warrants 45429 to 45429 Series 2	\$0.0
45430	City of Mansfield	\$483.18
45431	City of Ontario, Ohio	\$132.21
45432	Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc	\$105.21
45433	Koorsen Fire & Security, Inc.	\$188.75
45434	Amazon Capital Services	\$550.86
45435	Elan Financial Services	\$506.99
45436	Elan Financial Services	\$203.58
45437	Rinehart-Walter-Danner Ins.	\$50.00
45438	Clemans-Nelson & Associates, Inc.	\$250.00
45439	Richland County Safety Counsel	\$220.00
45440	Balestra & Company	\$1,500.00
45441	Rumpke	\$138.96
45442	Charter Communications	\$963.72
45443	Ohio Edison	\$2,250.69
45444	City of Ontario-Water/Sewer Bill	\$297.06
45445	Columbia Gas	\$3,504.25
45446	Modern Office Methods	\$251.20
45447	Amazon Capital Services	\$511.50
45448	Your Fleetcard Program	\$848.82
45449	Hursh Drugs, Inc.	\$162.20
45450	Ohio Health Corp DBA Workable	\$250.00
45451	Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC	\$1,375.81
45452	Stryker Sales Corp.	\$2,560.05
45453	Phoenix Safety Outfitters	\$4,500.00
45454	Napa Auto Parts-Col222	\$188.58
45455	CCAG Paramedic Education	\$2,200.00
45456	Fire Code Academy	\$179.00
45457	NEOFPA	\$200.00
45458	Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association	\$150.00
45459	Elan Financial Services	\$433.00
45460	Colonial Life	\$1,388.45
45461	Vision Service Plan-OH	\$548.14

Total Payments: \$176,918.08

Motion #11-2026: Trustee Kochheiser made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Orewiler motion carried.

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


Amanda Hike, Fiscal Officer

Present: Craig Hunt, Jarrod Strouth, AC Shelton, and Nathan Volz.

Chief Spellman presented the Board with an updated Wage and Benefit Package for the part-time employees at the Fire Department. The policy was emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting and Chief Spellman is requesting the Board sign and approve the new policy. The only changes were to the base rate and call off procedure.

Motion #12-2026: Trustee Gleisinger made a motion to approve the Fire Department's part-time employees Wage and Benefit Package, effective January 20, 2026, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, motion carried.

The Fire Department was awarded the BWC Grant for the purpose of purchasing battery operated tools. The Grant is for \$40,000.00 and the township will have to match 13,000.00. The township received the grant because of FF Jarrod Strouth and all of his hard work on the grant. It was a long process. An order for the tools has already been placed because rep let them know there would be a price increase. They could have cancelled the order at any time if the grant was not awarded or accepted. The department has not received the order yet.

Motion #13-2026: Trustee Kochheiser made a motion to accept the BWC Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 with the township matching \$13,000.00, seconded by Trustee Gleisinger, motion carried.

Chief Spellman would like the Board to consider purchasing a new ambulance very similar to medic 22. The ambulance has a Ford Chassis, a diesel engine, and already red in color. The purchase cost is 320,000, however the sales rep is willing to go as low as 310,000. The ambulance will need additional equipment installed such as a vault to store meds (\$1,300) and graphics (\$6,000). The sales rep can drop the ambulance off as soon as tomorrow because they have one in stock. Trustee Gleisinger asked about the 2025 Dodge ambulance the township had already ordered and if it is slated for the end of year 2026 to beginning of year 2027. If he can't give us a specific time, then maybe we should purchase with this other company. Chief Spellman is all for getting a stock vehicle because you can get it right away and they are reliable. Trustee Orewiler would like to wait for the new ambulance on order. FO Kochheiser spoke in favor of purchasing the new ambulance due to the Fire Department's high carryover balance from 2025 and the township could offset the cost with the trade-in amounts. EMS is 90% of the department's calls and all the ambulances are old. Selling the old ambulances without the cot system the department could get \$60,000-\$70,000. Trustee Gleisinger suggested asking for \$80,000. Board approved moving forward and agreed that this would be the only purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Department this year. Trustee Gleisinger requested the paperwork be brought to the next meeting.

Chief Spellman presented the Board with the Prevention Bureau Quarterly Report. 166 homes were serviced, 228 residents served, and 628 smoke alarms were serviced. These are among other services and inspections that were performed. The Bureau billed \$2,675 and collected \$3,075 with \$1,825 still outstanding. Usually, FF Justin Brant provides all of the installations and

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home inspections, however if the other employees have time they may help out. He also provides fire safety information.

Chief Spellman received a donation from a family in the community for \$15,000 and he had discussions with the employees to see what they would want

to use the money for. Also, he asked the Trustees for permission to buy items even if they are over \$1,000.00 as long as they are spending out of the money donated. Trustee Orewiler asked what the department was looking at to buy. The department is looking at workout equipment as well as saunas. FF Jarrod Strouth did research and sweat brings out the carcinogens in the skin from fighting fires. Sam's Club has them in stock for \$1,799.00 per sauna and Chief Spellman is considering a policy to require any FF who comes back from fighting a fire to have to use the sauna for a certain period of time. The department would like to purchase two saunas. Trustee Kochheiser would rather see the department get a commercial grade sauna than one for a home because it is not going to last. The department could buy a commercial-grade sauna for \$5,000 and place it at Station #2 and then spend \$10,000 on work out equipment. Board approved as long as they keep track of what is purchased so that the Board can see what was purchased and let FO Hike know before they make purchases so she can make purchase orders to pay the bills. Also, Trustee Gleisinger requested the department write a letter to the family of what was purchased with their donation.

Trustee Gleisinger updated the Board on the Road Department. The department has been salting roads and nothing else unusual has happened. Trustee Gleisinger did receive a couple of complaints from Wiles Estates. Nothing was done with their roads and there is a lot of upheaval in the road. He suggested putting the roads on a list for road maintenance.

Trustee Gleisinger took a check to the Building Department, and they gave him two sets of plans. He gave one to the Fire Department and the other to Spring Electric. The generator is currently being built and when they pour the new concrete the Board will have to make sure the Road Department doesn't salt the new concrete. Trustee Orewiler was at a meeting on Saturday and sat next to the secretary of Spring Electric and she said it would be June until the generator is installed.

Trustee Gleisinger discussed with John Jerger the two levies up for renewal. John has to prepare the auditor's certificate to see how much it will bring in and then the township has to give to John Studemund so he can prepare the ballot language. Once this is completed it can be submitted to the Board of Elections to be put on the ballot. The renewals must be submitted by February 4th. Trustee Orewiler asked if the township should put something in the paper explaining why there are so many levies. Trustee Gleisinger believes that Richland Source will be reaching out and we can explain that we are only asking for renewals. The Board is trying to be fair to the taxpayers.

Resolution #14-2026: Trustee Kochheiser made a resolution declaring the necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation 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 same, including the payment of the firemen employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(I) at a rate not exceeding two mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to .20 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation for five 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

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the 5th day of May 2026, and that said levy be placed on the tax lists of the current tax year, commencing in 2026, first due in the calendar year 2027, 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 immediately a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Richland County requesting that the County Auditor certify to this Board the

total current tax valuation of Springfield Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the two-mill levy. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this 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 action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with law, seconded by Trustee Gleisinger and upon a roll call vote Trustee Gleisinger voted "Aye", Trustee Orewiler voted "Aye", and Trustee Kochheiser voted "Aye", resolution passed.

Resolution #15-2026: Trustee Gleisinger made a resolution declaring the necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation 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 same, pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(I) at a rate not exceeding .5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to .05 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation for five 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 May 2026, and that said levy be placed on the tax lists of the current tax year, commencing in 2026, first due in the calendar year 2027, 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 immediately a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Richland County requesting that the County Auditor certify to this Board the total current tax valuation of Springfield Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the .5 mill levy. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this 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 Kochheiser and upon a roll call vote Trustee Gleisinger voted "Aye", Trustee Orewiler voted "Aye", and Trustee Kochheiser voted "Aye", resolution passed.

Trustee Orewiler informed the Board that BWC offers several discount programs. The Safety Council Rebate Program gets Springfield Township a 4% discount. Trustee Orewiler emailed Stacey Harrington, our BWC Liaison, and discussed the Drug Free Safety Program. The township pays \$59.75 per driver per year. The Road Department is in a pool of 550 CDL drivers and 50% of the total group is tested. Those not in the CDL pool are checked one person per quarter and the cost is \$39.00 for the drug test and \$19.00 for the hospital. Trustee Orewiler recommended the Fire Department go to Avita because Springfield Township has an agreement with them and its cheaper.

Paramedic Reimbursement has bothered Trustee Orewiler for years. If Springfield Township pays tuition and an employee quits, then they would make payments to reimburse Springfield Township for the tuition paid. Trustee Orewiler has wanted to make that a little stiffer so that they put a little skin in the game. There is no skin in the game for them. Trustee Kochheiser believed that if the situation keeps happening then the Board could address it then but it has only happened once.

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Trustee Orewiler talked to Chief Spellman about the 2025 Dodge Pickup which came in a lot earlier than the Board thought and it is still not road worthy. The Fire Department received it a year ago. Chief Spellman informed Trustee Orewiler the department received a quote from Parr to install the lights, and they were backed up to August. Then Derrick Wallace offered to do the work, and he is just one person working alone and works at the Shelby Fire Department. Then there were issues that arose with the light bar and it had to be sent back and the siren, then the radio blew. The pickup is now up and running.

Trustee Orewiler addressed Chief Spellman about training. Every two weeks training is discussed and Trustee Orewiler asked Chief Spellman to keep himself informed about the training and to keep track of it. Chief Spellman informed Trustee Orewiler that the employees train every day. The department doesn't come to meetings and brag about it because the Board has other things to talk about.

Trustee Orewiler requested that when the Fire Department takes possession of the rental truck that it be the first one out

Trustee Kochheiser presented the Board with the approved Travel Policy that she had updated.

Motion #16-2026: Trustee Kochheiser made a motion to accept the updated version of the Travel Policy where the maximum allowable reimbursement for meals shall not exceed \$60.00 per day and \$15.00 is the maximum allowable for breakfast, \$20.00 is the maximum allowable for lunch, and \$25.00 is the maximum allowable for dinner, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, motion carried.

Trustee Kochheiser updated the Board on the rental of Township Hall. Only one person is renting the hall and she had them sign a new policy. Also, she checked after last meeting and it's not them who is trashing the hall.

Trustee Kochheiser updated the Board on the Clemans and Nelson Contract. The contract automatically renewed unless the township cancelled 30 days prior to contract renewal. She sent an email to Clemans and Nelson since the regime had changed and requested from them to consider our request outside the terms to cancel the policy effective February 2, 2026. Clemans and Nelson granted the cancellation.

Trustee Kochheiser prepared a resolution for Springfield Township and Monroe township for the rental of their fire truck.

Resolution #17-2026: Trustee Kochheiser made a resolution where the Board of Township Trustees of Springfield, County of Richland, State of Ohio, desires to ensure the provision of quality fire protection services to its residents, and due to a no-fault traffic accident involving a Springfield Township fire truck, the Springfield Township Fire Department has identified a need for a rental fire truck to adequately serve the public safety needs of the community, and the Board of Township Trustees of Springfield Township has determined that the most efficient and cost-effective method to acquire said vehicle is through a rental agreement with the Board of Township Trustees of Monroe Township, Richland County, State of Ohio, seconded by Trustee Orewiler, motion carried.

Trustee Kochheiser updated the Board on the 2023-2024 Audit. The audit was reviewed and the report is acceptable and requires no modification. The audit will be posted online.

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Trustee Kochheiser discussed with the Board the ambulance billing rates. Adam had given rates in the past and the Board talked about revisiting them. Trustee Gleisinger offered to call Debby from Medicount and ask about other areas and what they are charging. Trustee Kochheiser thinks that the ALS 1 rate is not competitive, and she is asking the other trustees to look at the issue again and she will call Debby and bring back to the next meeting.

Trustee Kochheiser presented the Board with a Letter of Support for Richland County's application to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Land Use Planning Grant Program. The Board of County Commissioners asked Springfield Township to write the letter. Board Approved and signed.

Trustee Orewiler requested that the minutes reflect he brought back the computer and printer owned by Springfield Township.

FO Hike presented the Board with the December Management reports for signatures. The reports were emailed to the Board. Board approved and signed.

FO Hike requested the Board consider giving Jonathan Smith an additional \$3,000.00 into his HSA account because within 4 days of depositing the money into the accounts he got married. He informed Trustee Kochheiser of his plans prior to him getting married and Trustee Kochheiser, FO at the time, wanted him to wait until he was actually married to file paperwork so that it was done the correct way. Board approved.

Public Comment: Craig Hunt informed FO Hike that the January 5th meeting notes on the public comment section should be corrected from Amy Cairns to Bob Currens. Mr. Hunt thought it would be a nice gesture from the township to residents, maybe once a year on a Saturday or Sunday, residents get 5-gallon bucket of salt for their sidewalks so they are not slipping, Trustee Orewiler liked his thought, however it is likely to open up the salt shed and once the township does those residents would know where it is at and maybe come help themselves. Trustee Gleisinger added that it is road salt and could possibly eat the concrete. Trustee Kochheiser added that the township needs to do something for the residents like a pancake breakfast where they can come and learn what their money is paying for.

Motion #18-2026: Trustee Orewiler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Kochheiser, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

APPROVED: Paul Gleisinger

ATTESTED: Armanda O'Neil

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