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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2008

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The Springfield Township Board of Trustees held a Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at the Springfield Township Town Hall, 2459 Canfield Road, Akron, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dean Young. Bruce Killian, Acting Fiscal Officer called the roll. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (here); Mr. Mealy (here); Mr. Young (here).

ADMINISTRATIVE

ADM 028 -08 Dean Young: I move to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the January 10, 2008 and January 24, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 029 -08 Dean Young: I move to approve payment of bills and payroll as prepared by the Fiscal Officer, subject to audit. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Fiscal Officer Report (Bruce Killian)

January receipts totaled \$164,950.23 and expenses totaled \$423,743.48. The total cash balance as of January 31, 2008, including 2007 carryover, was \$2,716,444.88.

ADM 030 -08 Dean Young: I move to approve the Fiscal Officer's report. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 031-08 Vince Mealy: I move to approve the Auditor of State's UAN (Uniform Accounting Network) Agreement for Fiscal Office accounting software at a cost of \$350.00 per month, which is fee based on budget of township and includes hardware and training.

Bruce Killian: We are currently on the Ohio Township Accounting System (OTAS). The United Accounting Network from the State Auditor's Office actually was developed from that accounting system and they have since developed it to a standard that it works pretty well for the large townships. The \$350 month fee - they provide the hardware, the computer, printer, and all support for it as well as training. They have a pretty good on line and also via the phone support staff regularly through the week and as well on Saturday mornings. The fee is based on your budget size. They update their equipment every three years. We are on a waiting list and hope to have equipment in place by late summer.

Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 032-08 Dean Young: I move to approve the following transfer: Transfer \$6,000 from 01-A-27 General Fund to 14C, 14-A-01C, Senior Center Fund. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 033-08 Dean Young: I move to approve an amount not to exceed \$4000 from fund line 01-A-26 for a survey mailing to township residents.

Vince Mealy: I have been working on a survey with the assistance of a few residents. I have input from both Dean and Debbie.

Dean Young: The attempt here is to find out what the community thinks are the best things about Springfield, and the things that need improvement, and give us some feed back as to how we are doing and maybe what we ought to do to improve it.

Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 034-08 Vince Mealy: I move to approve the advance of \$13,626.55 from the General Fund – Fund 01-A-27 to the Police Fund 09-A-80A which is necessary in order to pay the Police Department share of \$71,626.55, or 75%, of the total premium due to BWC. The remaining 25%, or \$23,875, is being charged to the Fire Department (Fund lines 10A80A & 20A80A) per the total number of claims reported in the measurement year for premium calculation.

Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 035-08 Dean Young: I move to approve the 2007 fiscal year Workers Compensation Payroll Report premium in the amount of \$95,501.55. We will receive an early payment discount prorated, based on the date of payment before May 15th. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 036-08 Vince Mealy: I move to approve the attached Resolution of Authorization for Neal Hess to apply for a grant with the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program for a \$40,000 grant with a township match of 25% or \$10,000 for the Lauer property, known as Millheim Park, on Killian Road to be appropriated in final appropriation resolution from Line 1F2. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 037-08 Dean Young: I move to approve that the structure originally purchased as a storage building located at 2350 E. Waterloo Road be sold by internet auction at the earliest date, to be offered in parts or as a whole; the sale to depend on whichever results in the greatest recovery; and that bidding shall be permitted for no less than 15 days with the removal of the building by May 30th and bids to be considered at our regular meeting on April 17, 2008. Further arrangements for sale to be made by the Fire Chief including provisions for assumption of liability by the purchaser, any documents confirming sale or transferring ownership to be executed by the majority of this Board. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (no); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 038-08 Dean Young: I move to recommend to the District Advisory Council appointment of Springfield Township resident Barry Ganoë to a seat on The Summit County Combined General Health District Board and that a letter to that effect be directed to Gene Nixon, Commissioner for the Health District. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 039-08 Dean Young: I move to approve the sum of \$3500.00 to the Springfield Township Youth Sports Council for continued operation and supplies at the Dotson/JEDD park on Pickle Road on or before March 1, 2008 and that a report of receipts and disbursements by that Council be provided at our April, July, and October 2008 meetings. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 040-08 Vince Mealy: I move to accept a proposal in amount of \$1100 from Spano Brothers Construction Co., Inc. for installation of new front slab and sidewalk at existing Police Dept. exit door extending to existing sidewalk by parking lot to be paid from fund 26-A-10 Permanent Improvement Fund. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 041-08 Dean Young: I move to accept a proposal from Cleveland Vicon Company, Inc. for installation of a digital key pad entry system on an existing Police Dept. exit door in amount of \$1315 to be paid from fund 26-A-10, Permanent Improvement Fund. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 042-08 Vince Mealy: I move that we hire GPD Associates to prepare a design proposal for extension of the police garage parking bays; services to be rendered based upon a fee not to exceed \$3,575.00. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 043-08 Hire GPD Associates to prepare a design proposal for Motion to architectural and engineering services of a new covered salt Table storage structure and a new Pole Barn structure to house vehicles and storage of equipment for the Road Department at a fee not to exceed \$31,125.

Deborah Davis: I had spoke with Mr. Kaylor right before the meeting. I had made some phone calls. With the pole building, that is going to be basically a very large garage. I think maybe one of the things we need to look into is a company such as Morton Buildings. I am not sure if you go with them if you need an architect or not. I would like to, at least, look into that as far as the pole building. I was under the impression that we were going to use the plans from a neighboring salt storage bin. I would either like to table this motion for a short time, or if you want to go ahead with the one. I would like more time.

Dean Young: I would support the idea to set this over until our next meeting.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dean Young to table the above until the next meeting. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 044-08 Vince Mealy: I move that an Executive session with counsel, Attorney Irv Sugerman, be scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation regarding a zoning matter. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 045-08 Dean Young: I move to transfer \$3,575.00 from 01-A-27 General Fund to Permanent Improvement Fund 26-A-10. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

In the absence of the Police Chief, Police Officer Perry Linaburg gave the monthly Police Department report.

Total Monthly Calls	Physical Risk Calls	Offenses Reported	Offenses Cleared	Arrest Made	O/S Warrants Issues	Traffic Crash Reports	Citotons Issued	OMVI
1122	-	212	180	61	7	32	-	8

**Training:**

Inter-Department Training	Outside Agency Training	SWAT
-	56 hours	8 hours

**Community Services**

Special Details	Animal Calls	Vehicle Lock-outs	Civil Matters	Child Custody Complaints	Senior Checks	Welfare Checks	Current Neighborhood Watch Groups	Disable or Abandon Vehicles
70	16	40	22	1	29	19	13	22

**Announcement:**

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 15 at 11:00 a.m., Schrop Intermediate School. 3 categories: Toddlers through 3 years, Ages 4 through 6, Ages 7 through 9.

POLICE 046-08 Dean Young: I move to approve the purchase of ammunition for yearly firearms training in amount of \$6630, not including shipping, from Matre Arms & Ammunition from fund 09-A-07. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Vic Wincik, gave the monthly Fire Department report.

Calls	EMS	Fire Calls	Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Rec'd.	Avg. Response Time	Avg. On Scene Time	Avg. Turn Around
174	151	23	4	5	3:10	13:40	22:46

Also conducted:

Dept. Mtg/ Project	EMS/Fire Related Training	Inspections	Public Education/ Community Service	Work Detail	Crew & Equipment Reassignment	Vehicle & Equip. Maintenance & Testing	PPE & Gear Testing
24	12	32	2	51	84	31	35

Announcements:

- I would like to recognize the full and part time firefighters for participating in the WKDD change bandits. They spent time collecting change for Children's Hospital.
- New ambulance - delivered June or July.
- Fall 2008 will need to replace another ambulance.
- On 12/13/07 a motion to hire professional services of GPD group for \$10,000 to assist in developing a plan for future renovation and construction of a fire station off Route 241 was tabled. Status? Dean Young: Do you think a design plan is necessary prior to continuing your dialogue with the City about the availability of a site? Vic Wincik: Yes. It is imperative. I need to know the size of the building before I can go to the City, and say how many acres I need. Dean Young: I think it should be on the agenda for next month.

FIRE 047-08 Vince Mealy: I move to approve expending up to \$1800 to seal roof at Station #2 to be paid from fund 10, Fire Fund. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

#### SENIOR CENTER

No motions.

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Superintendent, Richard Kaylor, gave the monthly Road Department report.

ROAD 048-08 Dean Young: I move to approve purchase of plow blades at cost not to exceed \$2261 from Winter Equipment Company from fund 04-a-04. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ROAD 049-08 Vince Mealy: I move to approve the payment of invoices from Akron Hydraulic totaling \$1988.35 for emergency motor repairs and parts to Road Dept. augers and salt spreaders from fund 04-a-04. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Announcement:

Bid packages are available here and are being taken through February 29, 4:00 p.m., for mowing of township properties.

#### ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator, Nick Campanelli, gave the monthly Zoning Department report. During the month of January, 2008:

Complaint Investigations	13
Nuisances	36
Zoning	
Permits Prepared	1
Residential	8
Commercial	
Construction Inspections	15
Board of Zoning Appeals Cases	2
Zoning Commission Meetings	1

ZONING 050-08 Vince Mealy: I move to assign the work order to abate the nuisance property conditions at 1026 Mohawk Trail to Bob Bennett Construction in an amount not to exceed \$3,940. From fund 01-J-03A. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING 051-08 Deborah Davis: I move to assign the work order to abate the nuisance property conditions at a the garage lot property located on Tritt Avenue, Parcel #51-04347 to Bob Bennett Construction in an amount not to exceed \$820. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING 052-08 Vince Mealy: I move to declare the property located at 2333 Delaware Avenue a nuisance and to initiate abatement under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code, Section 505.86 and 505.87. Seconded by Dean Young.

Dean Young: Anyone present wishing to speak regarding 12333 Delaware Avenue? Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING 053-08 Vince Mealy: I move to declare the property located at 1025 Onondago Trail a nuisance and to initiate abatement under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code, Section 505.87. Seconded by Dean Young.

Dean Young: Anyone present wishing to speak regarding 1025 Onondago Trail? No response. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING 054-08 Deborah Davis: I move to declare the property located at 160 Meadowridge a nuisance and to initiate abatement under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code, Section 505.86. Seconded by Dean Young.

Dean Young: Anyone present wishing to speak regarding 160 Meadowridge. No response. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

## PARKS BOARD

Dean Young: An application was made with the assistance of Neal Hess to obtain a grant to begin the development of a trail at Millheim Park.

Vince Mealy: We had a matching grant. We received \$10,000 last month to start the process of roughly developing 22 acres off Killian Road for the purpose of providing the residents with walking and hiking trails. The Road Department has been preparing a parking lot surface there for a number of years.

ADM 055-08 Vince Mealy: I move to approve the Township match of \$8,500 for award of Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition grant for Millheim Park. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

## Announcement:

Neal Hess, Parks Board, has scheduled a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to be held Tuesday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town hall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Two Board of Trustees scholarships will be awarded for \$1500 each to Springfield High School seniors this year. Applications are available through the High School guidance counselor's office and are due by March 31st. Students

are urged to apply.

- Save the Dates for: Springfield/Lakemore Community Days July 19 and 21.
- Springfield Township's Bicentennial Celebration will be held August 2nd and the Bicentennial Committee, chaired by Nancy Rodriquez and vice-chairman Clyde McGee, is busy making plans for an all-day "birthday" celebration. Future meetings will be held at the Safety Building's Fire Department Conference Room on Mondays – March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, and July 14, 2008.
- Petitions available at Town Hall to sign for opposition to enlargement of the Barberton-Norton Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) which will be an approximate cost of \$10-\$15 per year added to your taxes. Hearing is scheduled for March 31 and April 1, so time is of the essence in getting the petitions signed.
- Next regular meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

George Pounders

- February 19th , 63 years ago the Marines landed on Iwo Jima. On the 23rd, they had the flag raising at Mt. Suribachi. We will be having a luncheon at Bennegan's on the 23rd.
- Years ago, when the Town Hall was built, it was utilized a lot. What I would like to see is a community center. Namely, right now, Sawyerwood School.
- Since we are having the bi-centennial, and Art Arfon just passed away not too long ago, I think it would be befitting to change the name of Canfield Road to Art Arfon Boulevard.

Margaret Reed, 2109 So. Arlington Road

- I am here to address you on behalf of myself and an organization by the name of Arlington Neighborhood Association. Basically we are a neighborhood watch group. We have membership which includes Akron, Coventry, Springfield, and Green. There are 97 businesses represented and approximately 85 residents. The primary purpose for my visit is, we have been collecting signatures on petitions for lighting improvements on Arlington Street.

Nora Rice, Jackson Boulevard

- I would like to address the public hearings for zoning. 519.06 has to do with Zoning Commission public meetings and they are permitted in newspapers of general circulation in the Township. However, the Board of Zoning Appeals, 519.15, one or more newspapers of general circulation within the County. This is the law. It is the Ohio Revised Code.

Deborah Davis: First, I contacted the Suburbanite. They have to meet certain criteria. They have to have audits. They have to reach so many people. This is a copy of all their stats. This is a copy of the audit in which they are a newspaper of general circulation. I did not stop there. I went to the Summit County Prosecutor who is our legal advisor. This is his letterhead, John Manley. It says, 'Dear Mrs. Davis: Please note that the Suburbanite qualifies as a newspaper of general circulation and is thus appropriate for Springfield Township to use for publication of legal notices.' He also stated that we could do our advertising in The Legal News.

Nora Rice: I beg to differ with you.

Nora Rice: Next issue, you mentioned legal counsel. Do we not have legal counsel now?

Dean Young: We do have legal counsel presently. Mr. Sugerman has been providing legal counsel to us and he has submitted a letter of resignation effective March 31. It is our intent to be interviewing to replace him.

Nora Rice: I am also really appalled that you are not going to o.k. the GPD architect to go ahead with the Fire Station plans. For ten years, we have been talking about Station Number Two, and now we have a golden opportunity to go ahead with this, and you are not going to talk about for another month?

Elva Pounders

New project - Summit County Field of Honor. Anybody can buy a flag honoring any veteran that is either on active duty or is a veteran. Also, ground breaking (July 12th) for our new Veteran's Service Commission.

Bruce Killian:

- Check January 7, 2008, \$78.60 for recycling.
- Wanda Beasley, recommendation to Trustees to approve adding to the 'Welcome to Springfield' signs to add 'Home of Art Arfon's Green Monster.'

ADM 056-08 Dean Young: I move we change our regular meeting in April to April 17th. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 057-08 Vince Mealy: I move we adjourn. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

The meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m.

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Dean Young, Chairman

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Vince Mealy, Vice Chairman

ATTEST

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Deborah Davis, Trustee

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R. Bruce Killian, Acting Fiscal Officer