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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
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The Springfield Township Board of Trustees held a meeting Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Town Hall, 2459 Canfield Road, Akron, Ohio.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

ADM 245-09 Vince Mealy: I move to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve:
August 27, 2009 Work Shop Minutes
August 27, 2009 Regular Board of Trustees Minutes
September 3, 2009 Department Head Minutes
Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 246-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve payment of bills and payroll as prepared by the Fiscal Officer, subject to audit. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Fiscal Officer Report, Bruce Killian for month of

Starting Balance 1/1/09	\$2,864,498.63
Total Receipts Year to Date as of 8/31	4,784,726.04
Total Expenses as of 8/31	4,046,965.64
Ending Balance 8/31/09	3,603,166.07

Bank Reconciliations are complete through August 31, 2009.

ADM 247-09 Dean Young: I move to approve Fiscal Officer's Report. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

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- ADM 248-09** **Vince Mealy: I move to approve ‘then and now’ for Invoice 1117 from Bright Idea Shops in the amount of \$1,040.30 for purchase of recycling containers from fund 2913-690-730-000, fund line for the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority’s grant received this year. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**
- ADM 249-09** **Vince Mealy: I move to approve the payment of \$11,351 from General Fund ‘Contracts’ line to Frank Gates Service Company for contracted services July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This is the Group Rating Fee charged for BWC claims management services. The premium discount program projects the Township will realize a savings of \$20,096 under group rating during the coming year. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**
- ADM 250-09** **Vince Mealy: I move to amend the Township Policy Manual, Page 66a - Item 19 ‘Random Testing’ of the Drug Free Workplace Policy adopted 6/25/09, removing the need for ‘Township management or designee to transport testee to and from the testing/collection site.’ (Employees are sent on immediate notice and an escort is not required). Also amend: TYPES OF TESTS - to read Random (all employees) instead of Random (uniformed Police and Fire and CDL holders). Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**
- ADM 251-09** **Vince Mealy: I move to resolve that the Board of Trustees authorize a letter directed to area newspapers supporting passage of the three Springfield School renewal levies. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

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ADM 252-09 **Vince Mealy: Resolved that the Springfield Township Board of Trustees certify to the Summit County Fiscal Officer a tax assessment in the amount of \$21,535.82 for the delinquency tax payment by the Hexagon properties of the excise tax levied pursuant to ORC 505.56. The full resolution is attached. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, John Smith, - monthly Police Department report.

Total Monthly Calls	Physical Risk Calls	Offenses Reported	Offenses Cleared	Arrests Made	Outstanding Warrants Issues	Traffic Crash Reports	Citations Issued	OMVI
1626	-	417	214	94	6	31	95	8

Community Services

Special Details	Animal Calls	Vehicle Lockouts	Civil Matters	Child Custody Complaints	Senior Checks	Welfare Checks	Current Neighborhood Watch Groups	Disabled or Abandon Vehicles
93	40	53	18	3	-	12	15	25

Total Departmental Training Hours	<u>SWAT</u>
168 hrs.	16 hrs.

-No Motions-

POLICE 253-09 **Dean Young: I move to establish ‘Trick or Treat’ on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Chief, Vic Wincik, - monthly Fire Department report. Copy attached.

-No Motions-

SENIOR CENTER

Director, Bobby Dinkins, gave a report on the upcoming activities at the Senior Center. (There is a calendar of events on the web site).

S/C 254-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve new rental agreements and rates for the Senior/Community Center and Gazebo as presented by the Director. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

S/C 255-09 Vince Mealy: I move to close Canfield Road from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on October 10, 2009 for 'Harvest at the Lake' and the Flea Market. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

S/C 256-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve the cost of vendors table at Harvest at the Lake on October 10, 2009 for \$25.00; Chamber of Commerce members table will be \$15.00. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Monthly report not available.

Vince Mealy: We do want to discuss the issue of Dutch Harbor to rework existing boat launch dock sections converting them to floating at a cost of \$8,755.93. Mrs. Davis has done some leg work on it and we would like you to get a few more prices besides Dutch Harbor.

Dick Kaylor: I can definitely do that. I'll get on the Internet and see if we can get someone to re-work these.

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Dean Young: And we do want to go ahead with floating docks due to the difficulty of installation of the other type.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Nick Campanelli, Zoning Administrator, monthly Zoning Department Report. The Zoning Department completed 48 complaint investigations. 28 of the investigations were nuisance related to include 14 trash and/or debris, and 14 grass violations. 20 of the investigations were zoning related to include 6 vehicles, 2 sign, 10 use regulations and 2 site regulations. The Zoning Department prepared 20 zoning permits. 14 of the permits were residential related to include 2 single family new dwelling, 4 fences, 7 accessory buildings, and 1 residential addition. 6 permits were commercial to include 1 commercial accessory building, 1 temporary sign, 2 permanent signs, 1 fence and 1 Certificate of Occupancy. The Zoning Department completed 33 construction follow up inspections. The Board of Zoning Appeals heard 1 case and the Zoning Commission did not meet in August.

ZONING 257-09 Vince Mealy: I move to assign a work order to abate nuisance property conditions at 1022 Mohawk Trail, Akron, Ohio 44312 to Bob Bennett Construction Company for demolition at the cost of \$4,295.00. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING (No Motion) Vince Mealy: I move to declare a nuisance and initiate abatement at 550 Broadview Road, per ORC Section 505.87 for debris (used building materials).

Vince Mealy: Is there anyone present representing this property?

J. C. Wagner, 550 Broadview Road, was present and sworn in

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by Dean Young.

J. C. Wagner: I have talked to the investigator numerous times. There was some un-licensed vehicles, trash, tires and it is down to the shingles. The investigator come out and took measurements, and said it was real close to the line. He called back about a month later and said he met with the neighbor, and decided it was on my property and it was my responsibility. Short of a survey which I cannot afford, and it's useless anyway, I don't know what to do.

Vince Mealy: We understand the shingles are right on the property line. Did you have an agreement with your neighbor at one time to share the cost of removal?

J. C. Wagner: No, I have only been there four or five years. I didn't put them there, and I know he didn't put them there because they just moved here. It is not in my budget to get a dumpster or back-hoe. What I have been doing, is taking two or three barrels a week away.

Nick Campanelli, Zoning Administrator, was present and sworn in by Dean Young.

Nick Campanelli: He is correct. The other material in question on the property has been removed. The pile of shingles is pretty extensive. There has been a little bit removed, but it has been pretty slow.

J. C. Wagner: It has been slow because as of last month, he called me and told me it was on my property. I just started to get rid of them.

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Dean Young: Well, did you start removing them?

J. C. Wagner: I have been taking some.

Dean Young: I would assume, based on that, they are on your property.

J. C. Wagner: Because I have been removing them? No. That's not true. Short of a survey, I know the neighbors not going to move them. Whose responsibility is it to get a survey? They are saying it's my responsibility. The inspector is snooping around my property because of this neighbor.

Dean Young: The other trash and debris, have they been removed?

Nick Campanelli: Yes, they have.

Dean Young: So we are down to the shingles.

Nick Campanelli: Correct.

Dean Young: We are looking at photographs. Would you step forward and look at these.

Vince Mealy: Mr. Wagner, would you agree to continue to try to remove them as you can?

J. J. Wagner: Yes.

Vince Mealy: We certainly don't want to saddle you with

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something you can't afford. We would like to see progress over the next couple months, because we have to get rid of them.

Dean Young: Where do you claim the shingles came from?

J. C. Wagner: I don't know.

Vince Mealy: Would you guess if more of them are on your property rather than your neighbors?

J. C. Wagner: They could be half and half, they could be his, they could be mine. It's so close, I don't know.

Vince Mealy: Do you have any communication with your neighbor?

J. C. Wagner: He doesn't actually live there. I think his nephew, grandson lives there, and I don't talk to him, but I will keep trying to get rid of them, but it won't be any time soon.

Vince Mealy: Can we agree on a date maybe that would be reasonable? Would you estimate 6 months, or until spring?

J. C. Wagner: I can tell you I will do my best.

Vince Mealy: We, as a Board, have to have some kind of parameter.

J. C. Wagner: Again, I don't understand why I am responsible just because Mr. Arnold says they are on my property.

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Dean Young: There may be some question as to whose property it is on. I am going to suggest that we continue this and seek an opinion from legal counsel, and if we conduct a survey, that survey will become part of the cost of abatement if it is on your property, and whatever cost it is to clean it up, if the surveyor adds \$1200 or \$1500 to it, and we find that it is on your property, it would be added to the cost of cleaning it up. You understand, if we clean it up, it becomes an assessment on your property. So, in the next 30 days, we will seek an opinion from legal counsel if we can add the survey cost, and in the meantime maybe we can obtain a determination either from Summit County Engineer, without cost, but if we are engaged in cost, it may be a part of the cost of the abatement. Therefore, maybe it would be appropriate within that time period for you to come up with a plan to take care of it. We don't mean to be punitive, but these kind of conditions we want to see cleaned up. Don't you agree that it is important in a neighborhood.

J. C. Wagner: You bet. I'll do my best to get rid of them.

Vince Mealy: Is this something you are comfortable with?

Nick Campanelli: I am comfortable with that.

J. C. Wagner: Personally, I don't like the way it was handled.

ZONING 258-09 Dean Young: I move to continue the Nuisance Abatement for 550 Broadview Road until the Board of Trustees Meeting on October 8, 2009. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

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ZONING 259-09 Vince Mealy: I move to declare a nuisance and initiate abatement at 1922 Ronald Road, per ORC Section 50587 for debris (used carpet).

Vince Mealy: Anyone present representing this property? No response.

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

PARKS BOARD

- Report from the Parks Board Chairman. Dean Young read the report.

PARKS 260-09 Dean Young: Resolved that the Board of Trustees direct a letter to the Ohio Erie Canalway Coalition in support of a grant of \$5,000 to the Village of Lakemore for construction of the portion of the trail with Village of Lakemore, which trail is projected to connect Springfield Township and Lakemore Village. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vince Mealy

- The three Summit County Health Departments are working closely with the Ohio Department of Health on planning for the distribution of an H1N1 vaccine. We have been told that the vaccine may be available in mid-October. The initial vaccine will not be given to everyone. As of August 25, the groups to receive the vaccine include:
 - . Pregnant women**
 - . People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months old**
 - . Health care and emergency services personnel with direct patient****

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- . **Children 6 months through 4 years of age**
 - . **Children 5-18 years of age who have chronic medical conditions**
- This list may be expanded as more vaccine becomes available. The Summit County Health Department does recommend that everyone get a seasonal influenza vaccine as early as possible. Influenza vaccines will be available at the Senior/Community Center on Thursday, October 8 from 1-3 pm.**

Also, a new web page with flu information has been established for residents of Summit County. Users may view the latest information regarding seasonal and H1N1 flu as well as check clinic schedules and links to CDC by clicking on www.summitflu.org.

- **The 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the Gazebo along Springfield Lake at approximately 9:45 a.m. on September 11, 2009. If inclement weather occurs, the ceremony will be in the Town hall. The ceremony will last approximately 30 minutes and all are welcome to attend. If you have any further questions, please contact Captain Steve Simich at 784-7210.**

Deborah Davis:

- **I would like to remind everyone, please do not put trash in the recycle bins.**

Vince Mealy: I do want to go back to the Road Department regarding the boat launch. We need to table that motion.

ROAD 261-09 Dean Young: I move we table the motion for the Road Department in regard to the boat launch until the next meeting. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

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PUBLIC INPUT

Elva Pounders: Flu shots are available Saturday, September 12 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the VA Clinic on Waterloo Road for veterans.

Grand opening for Veterans Service Commission is also on Saturday, September 12th at 2:00 pm.

On September 15th, at the VFW on Waterloo Road, there will be a 'Stand Down.'

George Guisti, 2129 Beach Drive

- Would like to see the Senior Center offer classes on 'clogging.'
- Very supportive of all the improvements and activities that have been done around the lake.
- Mr. Guisti stated he had a problem with Bill Arnold regarding a zoning issue on his property.
- Would also like to know if anything can be done to help the Sawyerwood area.

Steve Best, 484 Howard Avenue

- Questioned a privacy fence put up on his neighbors property at 492 Howard Avenue. There were no permits. This was done last August/September.

ADM 262-09 Vince Mealy: I move to go to Executive Session for: (1) On-going discussion and negotiations with part time firefighters, and (2) potential purchase of real estate. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:35 pm.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:35 pm.

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ADM 263-09 Vince Mealy: I move to adjourn. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Vince Mealy, Chairman

Dean Young, Vice Chairman

ATTEST

Deborah Davis, Trustee

R. Bruce Killian, Fiscal Officer

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