

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
RESOLUTION 20-024

**TO DECLARE CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE
DEPARTMENT AS "SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED" TO MITIGATING OR RESPONDING
TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

The Board of Trustees of Springfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on November 2, 2020, at 7617 Angola Road, Holland, Ohio, with the following members present:

Tom Anderson Jr. Robert Bethel Andrew Glenn

Andrew Glenn moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub.L. 116-136, Div. A, Title V, §5001, 42 U.S.C.A. §801 (the "CARES Act") established the Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF" or "Fund") for making payments to States and units of local government to be used, inter alia, to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the Township received an award of a portion of the Fund through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management as a result of legislation from the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Controlling Board allocating federal funding, House Bills 481 and 614 of the 133rd General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides that payments from the Fund only may be used to cover costs that (i) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19, (ii) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for a State or local government, and (iii) were incurred during the period between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments dated April 22, 2020, as updated ("U.S. Treasury Guidance") provides that a cost meets the requirement of not being accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 if, inter alia, the cost is for a "substantially different" use from any expected use of funds in such budget; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Treasury Guidance further provides that work performed by public safety employees is considered to be a substantially different use than accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 if those services are "substantially dedicated" to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and that local governments may presume that public safety employees meet the substantially dedicated test unless specific circumstances indicate otherwise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Springfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio:

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1. That the Township Fire Department firefighters and emergency medical responders are "public safety" personnel as that term is used in U.S. Treasury Guidance.
2. That beginning as of March 1, 2020 the Township Fire Department and its firefighters and emergency medical responders have adopted and implemented revised response, tactical, equipping and logistic procedures and protocols in order to (i) respond to every call for fire and emergency medical services and citizen encounters as potential COVID-19 encounters, (ii) distribute and require the use of respiratory protection and other personal protective equipment by the firefighters and emergency medical responders at all times while on duty, even when not in active response, (iii) adjust physical accommodations at the fire stations to avoid potential cross-exposure or spread of the virus among the firefighters and emergency medical responders, and (iv) encourage off-duty protections or isolations to reduce the risk of virus exposures between and among the firefighters and emergency medical responders, their families and members of the public.
3. That beginning as of March 1, 2020 the public safety services provided by the Township Fire Department firefighters and emergency medical responders have been and continue to be substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and that the costs thereof are a substantially different use than accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 as necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.
4. That the payroll and benefit expenses incurred by the Township between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020 for Fire Department firefighters and emergency medical responders may be charged to the Fund, such expenses hereby being encumbered without further need for purchase order or blanket certificate.
5. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

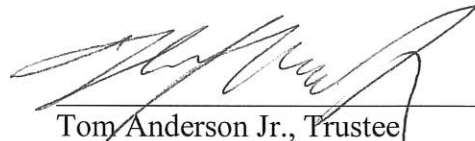
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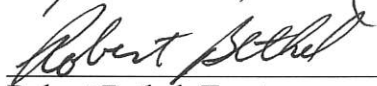
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Robert Bethel seconded the motion and roll was called on the question of its adoption. Vote was as follows:


<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Tom Anderson Jr.	YES
Robert Bethel	YES
Andrew Glenn	YES



Tom Anderson Jr., Trustee



Robert Bethel, Trustee



Andrew Glenn, Trustee

ATTEST:

Barbara Dietze, Fiscal Officer


November 2, 2020 Regular Trustee Meeting