

Springfield Township Trustees  
Regular Trustees' Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2020

The Springfield Township Trustees met in regular session, open to the public, on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Chambers, 7617 Angola Road, Holland, Ohio with the following members present:

Tom Anderson Jr.  
Robert Bethel  
Andrew Glenn

Tom Anderson Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present were asked to rise for a silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Robert Bethel to approve the agenda, as amended.** Seconded by Andrew Glenn and the roll call resulted as follows:

Robert Bethel, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jill Eide of 735 Meadowland Trail stated that she and her husband called 911 three times to report an active, suspicious vehicle idling in their neighborhood, but the Sheriff's department never responded. Lt. Leach apologized for any inappropriate response on behalf of the dispatcher and said that he would investigate the incident and follow up with the family. He also stated that 911 callers can request a follow up call from an officer, but in general, he confirmed the Trustees' statement that such a call would have been a low priority, and might not have received an immediate response. He also said that the department was promoting a new Neighbor app that would alert both the residents and the Sheriff's department of neighborhood issues.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Sheriff's Report:** By Lt. Leach

Lt. Leach presented the monthly statistics and stated that his department was focusing on road and school safety citations, which had not been the priority during the COVID pandemic. He also said that the joint active shooter/rescue task force training exercise was a limited success and that he was working on completing the JEDZ holiday patrol schedule.

**PUBLIC SAFETY (cont.):**

**Fire/EMS Report:** By Chief Cousino, Fire Chief

Chief Cousino reviewed the Monthly Report and highlighted the following items:

- Department personnel met with Perry ProTech to discuss replacing the existing fire department phone system with a VoIP system. The new system would not only be more cost effective, but would also integrate security cameras and building access controls under one platform, as well as providing high quality video conferencing abilities.
- The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial was held at fire station #1. Eight new members were added to the plaque during the year
- Springfield Township Firefighters worked with the Public Services Department to place memorial markers on the graves of deceased firefighters at the Springfield Township cemetery. Thirty markers were placed this year and the Department is hoping to expand the program to other cemeteries in the region.
- The Lucas County Policy board is discussing options to ensure that Lucas County EMS remains solvent. The organization is currently funded by a ¼% sales tax which is projected to leave the organization with a deficit in approximately 5 years.
- The Department's SCBA units passed their annual inspection. Chief Cousino would like to place the equipment on a rotating replacement program.
- The Lowe's on Central Avenue is supporting the HERO program with both equipment and fixture donations, as well as at cost pricing for other items. The HERO program is a joint venture between Springfield and Sylvania Township Fire Departments, which is designed to provide assistance to residents who need general help.

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- Chief Cousino attended the Love's Furniture ribbon cutting.
- The Department continues to provide emergency care to spectators and athletes by attending every football game at Springfield High School.
- Crews patrolled local neighborhoods during trick-or-treating and participated in a Halloween parade in Hidden Meadows.
- First responders completed their mandatory basic life support recertification course.
- **Motion made by Robert Bethel to declare selected fire equipment surplus and allow the items to be sold through appropriate channels, as presented.** Seconded by Andrew Glenn and the roll call resulted as follows:

Robert Bethel, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

- **Motion made by Andrew Glenn to approve an emergency repair to the tower ladder truck, pending approval by Chief Cousino, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.** Seconded by Robert Bethel and the roll call resulted as follows:

Andrew Glenn, yes  
Robert Bethel, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

- Fire/EMS responded to 278 calls in the month of October, of which 36 were in the Village of Holland, 23 in Spencer Township, 9 in Swanton Township, and 4 in Harding Township.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mike Hampton, Administrator

**Payment of Bills:**

**Motion made by Robert Bethel to approve the listing of payments to be made by check from November 4 to November 17, 2020, in the amount of \$81,159.75, as presented.**

Seconded by Andrew Glenn and the roll call resulted as follows:

Robert Bethel, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

Mr. Hampton also presented the Trustees with the electronic payment listing from October 30 to November 12, 2020, in the amount of \$334,330.81. This includes the Township bi-weekly payroll, paid on November 12, 2020, in the amount of \$233,062.99.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion made by Robert Bethel to approve the Regular Trustees' Meeting Minutes of Monday, November 2, 2020, as amended.** Seconded by Andrew Glenn and the roll call

resulted as follows:

Robert Bethel, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

**PUBLIC SERVICES:** By Andy Hohlbein, Director of Public Services

Mr. Hohlbein reviewed the Monthly Report and highlighted the following items:

- The final dumpster day of the season was busy. The program serviced 846 residents this year.
- Leaf collection is entering its 4<sup>th</sup> week. The Township has collected 1,860 tons so far, 792 tons over this time last year.
- One tree and one light pole were repaired as a result of recent storm damage.
- A stone turn around was constructed at the end of Carrington Street to allow the Township vehicles to turn around more easily.
- Community Homecoming Park is fully winterized.

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- The pond maintenance contract with Oak Park Landscaping has been signed.
- There were six burials and one grave sold in the past month.
- Mr. Hohlbein has been coordinating with contractors/vendors to complete the CARES Act related projects.
- Routine maintenance was performed on several fire vehicles.
- Assisted the Zoning Department with removing public hearing signs and illegal parking issues.

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** By Mike Hampton, Administrator

Mr. Hampton reviewed the monthly report and highlighted the following items:

- The Ohio Township Association annual conference has been cancelled.
- A 2020 JEDD Board compliance budget was presented.
- **Motion made by Robert Bethel to approve Resolution #20-026, allowing the Township Administrator to process the application for the 2022 OPWC project and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s), as presented.** Seconded by Andrew Glenn and the roll call resulted as follows:

Robert Bethel, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

- **Motion made by Andrew Glenn to approve Resolution #20-025, authorizing the final expenditures for the CARES Act funds, as presented.** Seconded by Robert Bethel and the roll call resulted as follows:

Andrew Glenn, yes  
Robert Bethel, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

- The Assistant Admin/HR Generalist report was presented.
- The Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Day is November 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Anderson Jr. wanted to remind everyone and to support local businesses who have struggled during the pandemic.
- Mr. Hampton and his staff attended several meetings/events including:
  - TMACOG TIP meeting
  - Health benefits meeting
  - Lucas County meeting
  - OTAN webinar
  - OPWC team meeting

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

An Executive Session was requested per ORC 121.22(G)(1): To consider the compensation of a public employee and to invite Legal Counsel, Gary Sommer, Fire Chief, Barry Cousino, and Administrator, Mike Hampton.

**Motion made by Andrew Glenn to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.** Seconded by Robert Bethel and the roll call resulted as follows:

Andrew Glenn, yes  
Robert Bethel, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

**Motion made by Andrew Glenn to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.** Seconded by Robert Bethel and the roll call resulted as follows:

Andrew Glenn, yes  
Robert Bethel, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

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Action taken as a result of Executive Session:

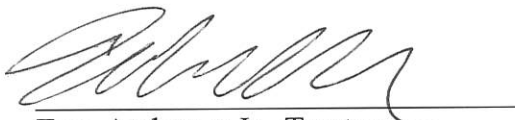
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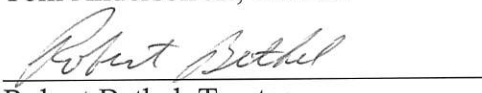
**ADJOURNMENT:**

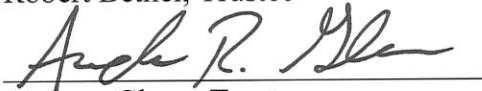
**Motion made by Robert Bethel to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.** Seconded by Andrew Glenn and the roll call resulted as follows:

Robert Bethel, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes

  
Barbara Dietze, Fiscal Officer

  
Tom Anderson Jr., Trustee

  
Robert Bethel, Trustee

  
Andrew Glenn, Trustee