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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES  
January 10, 2008

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The Springfield Township Board of Trustees held a Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday January 10, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruce Killian - Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (here); Mr. Mealy (here); Mr. Young (here).

POLICE 005-08 Dean Young: I move to hire Todd M. Kamp, Jason P. Lamtman, David M. Lee, and Matthew D. Brooks as part time police officer recruits at a probationary rate of pay \$12.00 per hour effective January 16, 2008. The probationary period and pay rate will continue for up to one year from the date of the successful completion of the Field Training Program. The regular part time officer pay rate is currently \$15.00 per hour. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Dean Young administered the 'Oath of Office' to Todd Kamp, Jason Lamtman, David Lee, and Matthew Brooks.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

ADM 006-08 Dean Young: I move to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2008 organizational meeting. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 007-08 Dean Young: 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 (Read by Bruce Killian)

For the month of December, 2007 receipts totaled \$167,132.02 and expenses were \$673,736.55. 2007 receipts including 2006 carryover balances from all funds of \$2,313,019.79 gave us a total receipt balance of \$8,677,095.10. This total less expenditures of \$5,770,266.13 gave us an ending fund balance of \$2,906,828.97 for carryover to 2008.

ADM 008-08 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 009-08 Dean Young: I move to approve 'then & now' payments to Ohio Edison for street light billing 11/24/07-12/21/07 in the amount of \$1,907.47 and to Nextel for cell phone service in the amount of \$1,202.44. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 010-08 Dean Young: I move to approve continuation of two annual cable scholarships, \$1,500 each, from funds received from the V.S.P. (Video Service Provider) agreement with Warner Cable. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 011-08 Vince Mealy: I move to adopt the resolution permitting the Township to dispose of un-needed, obsolete or unfit personal property including motor vehicles by Internet auction during calendar year 2008, per ORC 505.10. The Springfield Township web site at [www.springfieldtownship.us](http://www.springfieldtownship.us) includes a link to the ebay store where a listing of items by seller I.D. of 'Springtwp71' may be viewed. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 012-08 Dean Young: I move to accept bids for 2008 mowing of Township lands and the Pickle Road Sports complex till 4:00 p.m., March 1, 2008. Lawn maintenance bid parameters are available at the front office Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. at the March 6, 2008 regular Trustees Meeting. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief, John Smith, 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	Citatonns Issued	OMVI
1137	539	301	161	62	7	38	110	14

Training: June and July

Inter-Department Training	Outside Agency Training	SWAT
8 hours	8 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
107	20	40	9	2	35	4	13	14

**Announcements:**

- Neighborhood Watch - We have 13 Neighborhood Watch Program, and have added one more new one.
- Fill-A-Cruiser - Very successful. Raised over \$1800 in cash. 'Shop With A Cop' - Took 17 children.
- Game Rooms - They are trying to interpret the law the way they see it. Trying to get this ironed out as soon as we can.

POLICE 013-08 Dean Young: I move to accept the resignation/retirement of part time officer David Steiner as of 12/31/07. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

POLICE 014-08 Dean Young: I move to accept the resignation of part time officer Paul Thompson effective 12/31/07. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

POLICE 015-08 Dean Young: I move to rescind a previous motion #076-07 (April 2007) to hire Aaron Anweiler as a part time police officer. The hiring process was never completed. Seconded by Vince Mealy. 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
177	157	20	2	3	4:21	12:45	17:59

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
19	15	9	5	61	136	51	60

FIRE 016-08 Vince Mealy: On the recommendation of the Fire Chief, I move to approve the painting of fire hydrants within the Township at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

FIRE 017-08 Vince Mealy: On the recommendation of the Fire Chief, I move to permit the Fire Chief and legal council to initiate negotiations with the City of Akron for the donation of property within the Massillon Road Industrial Park to relocate fire station number 2. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

## SENIOR CENTER

No motions.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

No motions.

## ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator, Nick Campanelli, gave the monthly Zoning Department report. During the month of December, there were 19 complaint investigations. Five were nuisance including 1 grass complaint, 3 trash and/or debris, and 1 structure. There were 14 zoning complaint investigations: 6 for vehicles, 5 for site regulations, and 3 for use. Twelve permits were prepared. Three were residential including one for an addition, and 3 for accessory buildings. Nine commercial permits were prepared including 2 for certificates of occupancy, 5 for temporary signs, and 2 for permanent signs. 27 construction inspections were done. Two appeals were heard by the BZA. For the year 2007, 675 complaint investigations were done, 227 permits prepared, and 321 construction inspections were completed. The Board of Zoning Appeals heard 24 cases, and the Zoning Commission met 13 times.

ZONING 018-08 Dean Young: I move to declare the property located at 896 Milo White Drive a nuisance and to initiate abatement under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code, Section 505.87. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING 019-08 Dean Young: I move to appoint Gene Lindgren to the position of full term BZA member for the 5-year term of 1/1/08-12/31/12. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING 020-08 Dean Young: I move to appoint Lori Salser to the position of Alternate BZA member for the two-year term of 1/1/08-12/31/09. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 021-08 Dean Young: Be it resolved that the Zoning Administrator be directed to provide the Trustees with options as to how to proceed to accomplish the following: (1) Modernizing or updating the Zoning Code to make it simpler and more user friendly; (2) Update the zoning provisions regulating all commercial and industrial districts, to encourage responsible economic growth; and (3) review of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, to determine need for updating or integration into the zoning code. The Administrator's report to include estimates of timetable, considerations of costs, and draft requests for proposals for outside assistance (as an option) to accomplish the above goals. I move for the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 022-08 Dean Young: Be it resolved that (1) the Parks Board for Springfield Township be re-activated, and that it serve as a committee to make recommendations to the Trustees for improvement of existing parks, and/or development of new parks and recreational opportunities for the benefit of Township residents. (2) That Neal K. Hess be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Trustees, as Chairman of the Parks Board, and that he recommend to the Trustees (a) the appointment of four additional members of that board (b) terms of appointments of all board members and © procedures for conduct of the work of that board. (3) That public notice be given to obtain interest by citizens of Springfield to serve on the Parks Board. I move for the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Nora Rice: Just wanted to comment that we do have regulations pertaining to the Parks Board. You don't have to re-invent the wheel.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vince Mealy: We have a resident survey that is close to completion. Our goal is to get it out to the residents by the first quarter. It will give the Board of Trustees direction as to what is being done and what can be done.

Deborah Davis: On our list of meeting dates, we have a workshop planned for January 31st. There is a conflict. We will be in Columbus that day.

Vince Mealy: I would like to read a letter addressed to the Board, Fire, and Police Department. "I wish to thank the Springfield Township Fire Dept. EMS crew and Springfield Township Police Officer McKnight in helping my husband, Ernie Riddle, who was involved and injured in an auto accident on the morning of November 30 at the intersection of Massillon and Killian Roads. I greatly appreciated the time the EMS techs took in calling me at work stating they would be transporting Ernie to the hospital. Also, Officer McKnight was very helpful in answering a few questions I had pertaining to the accident. We have only been Township residents for four years, but feel fortunate knowing that these dedicated individuals are there for us whenever called upon. Thank you, Nancy Riddle."

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Gene Lindgren: Paper recycling could be hazardous. Very icy. Lack of timely collection.

Nora Rice: Noticed the BZA ad in the Suburbanite. Should check to see if we can legally publish with them.

Vince Mealy: Talked to Greg Bachman regarding the lighting at Killian and Pickle Road.

ADM 023-08 Dean Young: I move to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential real estate acquisition and potential Fire Department full time appointment. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m.

FIRE 024-08 Dean Young: I move to promote part-time firefighter-paramedic Luke Rickets to the position of full time Firefighter-EMT Paramedic, effective January 16, 2008 at a rate of \$15.82 per hour and to serve a probationary period as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. The promotional appointment is contingent on the successful completion of the professional firefighter and associated training as required by the State of Ohio, paramedic certification, and drug screen and physical testing as required by the Ohio Police and fire Disability and Pension Fund. Seconded by Deborah Davis Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 025-08 Dean Young: I move to adjourn. Seconded by Vince Mealy. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

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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