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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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**The Springfield Township Board of Trustees held a meeting Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Town Hall, 2459 Canfield Road, Akron, Ohio.**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vince Mealy. Fiscal Officer, Bruce Killian, called the roll. Roll Call: Mr. Young (here); Mr. Mealy (here); Mrs. Davis (here).**

**LAWN MAINTENANCE BIDS**

**The Lawn Maintenance Bids were opened by Bruce Killian, Fiscal Officer. There were 22 taken out, and have received 14 bids back.**

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Township Area</b>	<b>Sports Complex</b>
<b>1. Quality</b>	<b>665.00</b>	<b>445.00</b>
<b>2. A&amp;C Lawncare</b>	<b>725.00</b>	<b>515.00</b>
<b>3. Mock Retail &amp; Design</b>	<b>456.00</b>	<b>519.00</b>
<b>4. Sigmon</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>610.00</b>
<b>5. Goodson</b>	<b>540.00</b>	<b>435.00</b>
<b>6. Quality</b>	<b>725.00</b>	<b>360.00</b>
<b>7. Wartsler</b>	<b>705.50</b>	<b>603.50</b>
<b>8. New Horizons</b>	<b>805.00</b>	<b>785.00</b>
<b>9. Dolan</b>	<b>975.00</b>	<b>1,530.00</b>
<b>10. M &amp; K Property</b>	<b>975.00</b>	<b>1,285.00</b>
<b>11. Ground Effects</b>	<b>625.00</b>	<b>6125.00</b>
<b>12. Hiners</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>445.00</b>
<b>13. Fleming</b>	<b>675.00</b>	<b>445.00</b>
<b>14. G &amp; R</b>	<b>845.00</b>	<b>675.00</b>

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**ADM 072-09**      **Vince Mealy: I move that we received the Lawn Bids and turn them over to Road Superintendent, Richard Kaylor, for his review and recommendations. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

**STAIR ESTIMATES**

**Bruce Killian, Fiscal Officer, opened the estimates for the stairs at the Senior Center.**

<b>Sanyo Construction</b>	<b>\$ 8,825.00 Construction &amp; Stain</b>
<b>Ned Lawley</b>	<b>\$10,870.00 Construction. Paint &amp; Stain not included.</b>

**ADM 073-09**      **Vince Mealy: I move that we received the estimates for the Stairs and turn them over to Road Superintendent, Richard Kaylor, for his review and recommendations. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**ADM 074-09**      **Vince Mealy: I move that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the March 12, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

**ADM 075-09**      **Vince Mealy: I move to approve payment of bills and payroll as prepared by the Fiscal Office, subject to audit. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

**ADM 076-09**      **Vince Mealy: I move to adopt the Resolution: Be It Resolved**

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by the Board of Springfield Township of Summit County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year, ending December 31, 2009, the attached listing of funds be set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year as reviewed and approved by this Board of Trustees. Seconded by Deborah Davis . Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**POLICE 077-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve payment of Springfield Township's fair share portion of Metro SWAT for 2009 in the amount of \$5,191.56 from fund line 2081-210-360-0000 (contract services). Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

**POLICE 078-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve payment to Motorola for the yearly service contract in the amount of \$3,598.20 from fund line 2081-210-360-0000 (contract services). This contract covers the mobile data terminals in the cruisers. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

**POLICE 079-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve the purchase of ammunition for yearly training in the amount of \$2,035.00, not including shipping, from Matre Arms & Ammunition from fund line 2081-210-420-0000 (operating supplies). Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

**POLICE 080-09 Vince Mealy: I move to apply for an Edward Bryne Memorial**

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**Justice Assistance Grant (US Department of Justice) for the amount of \$24,402.00, non-reimbursable (100% grant). This is a joint grant application and will be submitted by the City of Akron to the Justice Department and would require us to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the city, as they would be the administrators of the grant. There are no added costs to the Township. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE 081-09** Vince Mealy: I move to approve the Fire Departments purchase of two Stryker stair chairs at a cost not to exceed \$4,643.50. The purchase will improve patient care when moving patients from difficult areas, as well as more safely guard against the firefighter-EMT back injuries. The purchase is paid in part by a State EMS grant of \$3,500 with total cost to the Township of \$1,143.50 available from Fund Line 2281-230-420-0931. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

**FIRE 082-09** Vince Mealy: I move to approve the Fire Department expense of \$1,700 to bring the Pediatrics Advanced Life Support Course on site at Fire Station #1. The cost of the course will be funded through Fund Line 2281-230-500-0000. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

**FIRE 083-09** Vince Mealy: I move to permit the Fire Department to submit application for the State of Ohio Emergency Medical Grant. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

**SENIOR CENTER**

**-No Motions-**

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

**-No Motions-**

**ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**-No Motions-**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vince Mealy:** New feature is a web cast of the Trustees Meeting. Go to [www.springfieldtownship.us](http://www.springfieldtownship.us) - click on home page, and town hall meetings.

**Deborah Davis:** Solid Akron Waste on Graham Road opens April 1<sup>st</sup>. They will have free shredding up to ten boxes. Also, at all events they are collecting non-perishable food items for Akron-Canton food bank.

**Perry Linaburg:** Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Schrop School Three different age categories. We will have train rides, pop corn, cotton candy. April 11<sup>th</sup> rain date.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Elva Pounders:**

- Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Lakefront Pavilion sponsored by Sawyerwood Outreach Program.
- Clean Up Sawyerwood, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon.
- Ice Cream Social, Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, between 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Lakefront Pavilion.
- Questioned why flowers around the Veterans Memorial Site being dug up and removed.

**Dean Young:**

- The Parks Board is working on the landscape and has made recommendations. In the past, some of our landscape was excessive. I

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**was not aware it included the Memorial Site. The action was a little bit premature. I do want to point out that our Parks Board is volunteer and has worked very hard.**

**George Rodriques, Martincrest Drive:**

- Police Merger - I have looked at this at lot. I am not opposed to this merger, and it is helping Lakemore. I think with Springfield passing the police levy last year that we should not be taking on any kind of expense as a result of helping Lakemore. I think there are alternatives that should be looked at. We have no real view of Lakemore's financials. The biggest hole as far as the document is written so far is that there is no failure to pay or default clause. If Lakemore runs out of money and can't pay, we could be stuck for nine months giving them service. Also, some of the math doesn't make sense. There are a lot of things not covered.**

**Dean Young, Trustee:**

- There is a full report on the web site. Also on the web cast. The report is not final because we are listening to comments and ideas. One of your points is good regarding the default clause. If we entered a contract, and after a period of time, their financial conditions was so bad that they weren't able to fulfill the terms of the contract, what would we do. So, I do think we need to deal with that and put a default clause in. Maybe escrow some money so they are paying ahead. Shorten the time period that either side could bail out. Right now, the nine months is the proposal. Our first obligations is the tax payers of Springfield.**

**John Smith, Police Chief**

- If there is a default and can't afford to pay for coverage, the Sheriff has to respond. You will only get minimal coverage.**

**Vince Mealy, Trustee:**

- What would happen if Lakemore ran out of money.**

**Warren Price, Attorney**

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- **We have to determine the difference between a termination and a breach. Non-payment would be a breach, and there are certain steps that would be followed:**
  1. **It would be a fiscal emergency - unable to pay debts and obligations.**
  2. **Be placed on a Fiscal Watch - the State monitors.**
  3. **Application for Fiscal Emergency - State takes over.**
  4. **Commission is formed to assume responsibility.**
  5. **Broad powers to determine who gets paid.**
  6. **Draw money from State legislature.**
  
- **If Lakemore becomes insolvent:**
  1. **In the beginning Lakemore formed a paper township. That exists as a legal entity underneath the Village.**
  2. **If the Village would dissolve, the citizens vote to dissolve. Sign a petition and put on ballot.**
  3. **If they did that, and the Village could not raise the money to continue to operate, the Village most likely would be absorbed into Springfield Township.**
  4. **Technically, when the Village dissolves, what is left is a little Township that occupied the same borders. It is highly unlikely, for the Summit County Commission to recognize that Township.**

**George Justine, Member Viet Memorial Committee:**

- **I thought the flowers around the lake were beautiful last year. I do not see why they have to be removed.**

**Vince Mealy:**

- **The flowers were beautiful, but by mid summer there was not enough staff to weed and take care of them. Landscape plants were recommended to alleviate this problem of over-growth.**

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**Neal Hess, Parks Board:**

- **Nature Works Grant. We will know something in late summer if we get that grant.**
- **We received our refund from the Summit County Grant - \$10,000.**
- **Lower Park meeting - residents are excited.**
- **Regarding the landscape of the Township, we were asked to create a plan. I was not aware it was implemented. We did not recommend anything be done in the Veterans Memorial area.**

**Vince Mealy, Trustee:**

- **I would like to clarify. I did send that report to our Road Superintendent. I did not give any recommendations to start. In fact, when I heard that it was started, I called Mrs. Davis on the phone and she agreed to meet with Matt Thiel from the Parks Board. There were recommendations on there that I did not agree with. I did not want all the ornamental trees removed.**

**Nora Rice, South Jackson Boulevard:**

- **I guess you stated the report on the Police Merger is preliminary and you are still working on it. Will there be an opportunity for public comment on the final draft?**
- **Dean Young: Yes.**
- **Nora Rice: I do not see anything about savings for Springfield Township. I have an article from the Suburbanite dated May 12, 2003 where the former Mayor Carr asked the Lakemore council about their financial situation. The last audit that was completed in Lakemore was 2003 & 2004. It was released in 2007. Lakemore stands on the State Auditor's website as un-audit-able. Yet you propose to enter into a financial agreement knowing these things up front. I think you should take a good hard look at this. A bailout is a bailout.**
- **Vince Mealy: This is a study. We have not voted on it yet. We are taking our time.**
- **Deborah Davis: I want everyone to know. This is not set in concrete. We**

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**are looking at this very hard.**

**ADM 084-09      Vince Mealy: I move to adjourn. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).**

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**Vince Mealy, Chairman**

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**Dean Young , Vice Chairman**

**ATTEST**

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**Deborah Davis, Trustee**

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**R. Bruce Killian, Fiscal Officer**

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*Minutes prepared by Patty Price*