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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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The Springfield Township Board of Trustees held a meeting Thursday, October 8, 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).

AL BRUBAKER, SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Al Brubaker, Summit County Engineer, was present and gave a report on the projects in Springfield Township.

ADMINISTRATIVE

ADM 278-09 Vince Mealy: I move to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve:
September 24, 2009 Work Shop Minutes
September 24, 2009 Regular Board of Trustees Minutes
October 1, 2009 Department Head Minutes
Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ADM 279-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve payment of bills and payroll as prepared by the Fiscal Officer, subject to audit. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Fiscal Officer Report, Bruce Killian for month of October

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Starting Balance 1/1/09 | 2,864,498.63 |
| Total Receipts Year to Date | 5,201,334.19 |
| Total Expenses | 4,670,775.69 |
| Ending Balance | 3,395,964.29 |

Bank Reconciliations are complete through September.

ADM 280-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve the Fiscal Officer's Report.

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

ADM 281-09

Vince Mealy: I move to approve the ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ between the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition and Springfield Township concerning the \$10,000 grant awarded for the boardwalk construction at Lauer Park. Seconded by Dean Young . Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Dean Young: I would ask that our Parks Board Chairman step forward and give us a report. There are two grants, correct?

Neal Hess:I am not personally involved in the other grant. I certainly recommend your approval for this ‘Memorandum of Understanding.’ This is one of several items of good news. We received this \$10,000 grant from the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition for park development at Lauer Park over near Killian Road. We received both this grant and also a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. That grant was around \$17,600. Together, these two grants should be enough to do the construction for that park and will match each other. I would like to thank Cindy Roberts with the Township staff. She wrote the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition grant.

Dean Young: The major problem with the park was getting access to the trail areas. Namely, the upground. Between the parking lot area and that upground is wetlands. Do you think these two grants combined will be enough to construct the boardwalk that is necessary.

Neal Hess: We are waiting on cost estimates. I should have those this coming week. I was estimating the boardwalk

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would be around \$25-30,000. We will be very close.

Vince Mealy: We are looking at a pre-fabricated boardwalk typical of the Metro Park use.

Neal Hess: Correct. Also, I'd like to mention the Park Rules. We continue to refine and try to get toward finalization.

ADM 282-09 **Vince Mealy:** I move to approve a resolution to apply for financial assistance through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Navigational Aids Grant due November 1, 2009. Cindy Roberts, our Office Manager, uncovered this grant. It is basically for identification of boat launch area, any area along the lake front. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

Tabled From the September 24, 2009 Trustees Meeting:

ADM 283-09 **Dean Young:** I move to adopt the following Resolution:
Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, that the Township has adopted a Tax Budget for fiscal year 2010 and accepts the estimated revenue amounts and rates as determined by the Summit County Budget Commission. Be it further resolved that the Trustees authorize the tax levies as determined by the Budget Commission per the attached Certification received September 22, 2009 and certifies them to the Summit County Fiscal Officer for Tax Year 2009/Collection year 2010. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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| Total Monthly Calls | Physical Risk Calls | Offenses Reported | Offenses Cleared | Arrests Made | Outstanding Warrants Issues | Traffic Crash Reports | Citations Issued | OMVI |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------|
| 1473 | 675 | 370 | 199 | 81 | 4 | 35 | 84 | 6 |

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 |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 111 | 22 | 50 | 25 | 3 | - | 19 | 15 | 25 |

| Total Departmental Training Hours | <u>SWAT</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 51 hours | 16 hours |

John Smith: ‘Trick or Treat’ will be Saturday, October 31st, 5-7 p.m. All officers and auxiliary will be out. Sawyerwood Community Group from 3-5 - judging of costumes.

POLICE 284-09 Vince Mealy: I move to accept the resignation of full time officer Michael Dumovic effective September 28, 2009. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

| Calls | EMS | Fire Calls | Reaction Time For Emergencies All Alarms | Response Time To The Emergencies | On Scene Time-Transport To Hospital | Average Transport Time To Hospital | Average Turn Around For All Alarms |
|-------|------|------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1647 | 1590 | 57 | 2 min | 4 min | 22 min | 15 min | 13 min |

FIRE 285-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve Fire Chief Wincik pay in lieu of time off for 3 weeks vacation. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll

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Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

SENIOR CENTER

S/C 286-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve a \$15.00 per hour rental fee to be charged for profit organizations/individuals who bring programming to the Senior/Community Center. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Richard Kaylor, Road Superintendent, gave the monthly Road Department report. So far this year, we have used 11,510 gallons of emulsion at a cost of \$29,697.00 along with 640 tons of stone in our Dura Patcher. We have used 213 tons of cold patch at a cost of \$13,498.00 as well. We have replaced many drive pipes throughout the Township along with ditching to correct drainage problems. We have finished mowing back the road weeds and started to cut trees back so our salt trucks can navigate without damaging the beds. We are still working on all signs in the Township, either replacing or repairing. We have removed the fishing pier for the season, and removed 3 ½ flash board at the spillway for winter. I would like to remind the residents that the ditches and water ways are not leaf receptacles. The Township does provide a place you can take your leaves - Earth n' Wood on Arlington Street.

ROAD 287-09 Vince Mealy: I move to approve purchase of four tires from Akron Auto & Truck Tire for Ford Tractor not to exceed \$1,565.19. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Nick Campanelli, Zoning Administrator, monthly Zoning Department Report. The zoning department completed 40 complaint investigations. 17 of the investigations were nuisance related to include 7 trash and/or debris, and 10 grass violations. 23 of the investigations were zoning related to include 6 vehicles, 3 sign, 10 use regulations, 2 land disturbances, and 2 site regulations. The zoning department prepared 20 zoning permits. 15 of the permits were residential

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related to include 2 single family new dwelling, 4 fences, 8 accessory buildings, and 1 residential addition. 5 permits were commercial to include 1 commercial addition, 1 temporary sign, 2 permanent signs, and 1 Certificate of Occupancy. The zoning department completed 47 construction follow up inspections. The Board of Zoning Appeals heard 3 cases and the Zoning Commission met once in September.

Tabled from September 10, 2009 Trustee Meeting:

J. C. Wagner was present. This is regarding a pile of shingles on property.

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

Nick Campanelli: It was difficult to determine the property line. I checked with Warren Price, our Township Attorney, and we cannot have the property surveyed and add the cost to the taxes. After talking to Mr. Wagner, he did concede the material is on his property and has indicated to me that he is trying to locate someone to remove the shingles. I recommend we take no action on this matter.

Tabled from September 24, 2009 Trustee Meeting:

Fred Trotman was present. This is in regard to a contractor that left debris on the property.

ZONING 288-09 Dean Young: I move to declare the vacant property located at Meander Circle, Parcel #51-10229 a nuisance and initiate abatement under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code, Section 505.87 (trash and debris).

**Dean Young: Is there anyone present regarding this property:
No response.**

Nick Campanelli: There has been no progress, and I would

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ask that the Board go ahead with the abatement.

Dean Young: I move we go ahead with the nuisance abatement. Seconded by Deborah Davis. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ZONING 289-09 Vince Mealy: I move to declare the property located at 1720 Van Lynn Drive a nuisance and initiate abatement under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code, Section 505.87 (debris). Anyone present regarding this abatement? No response. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Davis (yes); Mr. Mealy (yes); Mr. Young (yes).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bobby Dinkins:

- **This Saturday, October 10th, ‘Harvest at the Lake’ will bring families together at the lakefront. The day will include the Senior/Community Center flea market, and free activities to the family including inflatables, games, crafts, face painting, the Rock and R & B band 45 RPM from 1-4, food and fun. Non invasive health screening organization will be on hand also. Flea market times are 9-3 and ‘Harvest at the Lake’ runs from 10-4.**

- **Flu shots were available at the Senior Center today. However, the flu shots ran out. They will be available again Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at Young School, 9:00am-3:00pm.**

- **Friday, November 6, we will have a chef come to the Senior Center. It will be called Pizza & Pop. It is for kids to bring their fathers, grandfathers, or whoever. It is a night of pizza making.**

- **Friday, November 13, we will have an ‘Evening with Earl.’ It is the history of the sandwich.**

Vince Mealy:

- **Township offices will be closed for Columbus Day on Monday, October**

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12th.

- **Spring Township Women's Club is sponsoring 'Meet the Candidates Night' on Tuesday, October 20th from 7 to 9 pm here at Town Hall. Tammy Proctor, Editor of The Suburbanite, will moderate this event.**

Dean Young:

- **Joint committee representing Springfield Trustees and Lakemore Council will meet to review contract to provide police services to Lakemore on October 14, 2009.**
- **Bobby Ambrose received the Springfield Township Fallen Fighters Scholarship of \$1,000. He is a 2009 graduate of Springfield High School and received Fire/EMD training at the Portage Lakes Career Center.**

PUBLIC INPUT

Neal Hess: Announced there will be a Metro Park in Springfield Township, 250/280 acres, off Portage Line Road.

Colleen Claytor: Stated the leash law should be in effect for Springfield. Had an incident with a dog chasing a boy on a bicycle.

George Guisti: Discussed: (1) no cross walks at school and 224/Canton Road area, (2) cannot see the light on Canton Road, (3) we should use people from the Township to do work at the parks, (4) would like to see bike lanes in the Township, and (5) the Police & Fire did a great job on the 911 ceremony.

Nora Rice: I would like to thank Neal Hess for all the work he has done on the park area. I would like to mention that if you watch the tapes on TV, you might want to speak more clearly into the microphones. Also, I am still concerned about the fire department coverage - there has been no progress on Fire Station #2.

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ADM 290-09 **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

*Minutes prepared by Patty Price
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