
**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 10, 2023
MINUTES**

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees held a meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Springfield Township Town Hall, 2459 Canfield Road, Akron, Ohio 44312.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Young.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Patty Price, Secretary, called the roll. Mrs. Chapman (here); Mr. Young (here); Mr. DiLauro (here); Mr. Spickard (absent).

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

POLICE 167-24 Dean Young: I move to promote Officer Austin Branham to full-time status effective 8/21/23. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

POLICE 168-24 Dean Young: I move to promote Officer Jared Lawrence to full-time status effective 9/4/23. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

Jack Simone: We have the privilege of promoting Austin Branham and Jared Lawrence to full time status. Congratulations.

POLICE 169-24 Dean Young: I move to hire Timothy Keys as a part-time Police officer effective 8/21/23. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

Jack Simone: We have the opportunity of welcoming Timothy Keys as a part time officer. We will be looking forward to seeing what you will be doing with these new opportunities for Officer

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Branham, Officer Lawrence and Timothy and extend our genuine thanks.

ADM 170-23 Dean Young: I move to take a short recess. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

The regular meeting resumed.

MOTIONS

ADM 171-23 Dean Young: I move to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve the minutes to date. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

ADM 172-23 Dean Young: I move to approve payment of bills and payroll as prepared by the fiscal officer, subject to audit. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

ADM 173-23 Dean Young: I move to acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Officer's June and July 2023 Reports, subject to audit. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

ADM 174-23 Dean Young: I move to approve the attached Resolution expressing support for the City of Akron's proposed alternative combined sewer overflow projects in Summit County, Ohio and direct the Fiscal Officer to forward a copy of this resolution to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Mr. Michael Regan, and to the Region 5

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Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Ms. Debra Shore. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

ADM 175-23 Dean Young: I move to hire Debra Grow for the position of Zoning Administrator effective August 21, 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees, at the salary rate of \$26.00 per hour. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

FISCAL 176-23 Joe DiLauro: I move to approve the Supplemental Appropriations for 2023 "Exhibit A" as prepared by the Fiscal Officer and submit to the Summit County Fiscal Office. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

FISCAL 177-23 Joe DiLauro: I move to approve the reallocation of appropriation of funds per the attached "Exhibit B" for proper documentation of expenditures. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

ZONING 178-23 Joe DiLauro: I move to approve the payment from the Zoning Department to the Springfield Township Police Department for nuisance and investigation services in the amount of \$16,588.80 and paid from fund line 1000-130-100. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

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FIRE 179-23 Kellie Chapman: I move to approve the repairs made to the 2014 Sutphen fire truck by Fallsway Equipment Company at a cost of \$3,622.60 and paid from fund line 2281-230-323. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

POLICE 180-23 Kellie Chapman: I move to approve the job description for the position of Data Entry Clerk for the Police Department. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

POLICE 181-23 Kellie Chapman: I move to approve the internal transfer of Angela Brubaker from a Part-Time position in the Administration department to full-time Data Entry Clerk in the Police department effective August 21, 2023, paid at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

POLICE 182-23 Kellie Chapman: I move to hire Eric East as a part-time Police officer effective 8/14/23. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe DiLauro: Announced Springfield & Lakemore Channel 1023 upcoming events.

Kellie Chapman: Wrapped you Safety Town today. It was a success.

Dean Young: Two more concerts coming up.

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ADM 183-23 **Dean Young: I move to adjourn. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).**



Dean Young, Chairman



Joe DiLauro, Vice Chairman



Kellie Chapman, Trustees

Absent

Michael Spickard, Fiscal Officer

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Minutes prepared by
Patty Price, Secretary



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TRUSTEES

Kellie Chapman
Joe DiLauro
Dean Young

FISCAL OFFICER
Michael Spickard

Offered by: Springfield Township Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION NO. 174-23-2023 expressing support for the City of Akron, Ohio's (the "City's" or "Akron's") proposed "alternative" combined sewer overflow ("CSO") projects in Summit County, Ohio, which will provide a greater environmental benefit for the Cuyahoga River watershed region than the Row 11.a requirement in Akron's Long Term Control Plan Update; urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to reconsider its continued insistence in requiring Akron to spend in excess of \$200,000,000 on largely idle water treatment technology, but instead move forward with more environmentally beneficial and cost-effective alternative projects; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, in 2009, the United States of America, on behalf of EPA, filed a complaint against Akron and others alleging unauthorized discharges of sewage by the city from its combined and sanitary sewer system in violation of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311, 1319(b) and 1365(a) (the "Complaint"); and

WHEREAS, in order to resolve the Complaint, and without admitting fault or conceding the violations alleged therein, in 2009 Akron, the United States and the State of Ohio lodged a federal consent decree with the Court and the Court entered the Consent Decree in 2014 (the "Consent Decree"). The Consent Decree contained certain approved deliverables, including but not limited to implementing projects in Akron's approved Long Term Control Plan Update with which Akron agreed to abide (the "Consent Decree Requirements"); and

WHEREAS, the Consent Decree Requirements were at substantial cost to Akron's ratepayers and are a significant burden to the economically disadvantaged being in excess of \$1,000,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, since entry of the Consent Decree, Akron, EPA, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") have successfully negotiated, and the Court has entered two (2) subsequent amendments to the Consent Decree — both of which have had a net-positive effect on the environment and have resulted in substantial monetary savings to Akron and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Akron, the EPA, and the Ohio EPA have also agreed to a third modification of the Consent Decree to provide greater protection to the environment at a reduced cost by right sizing the Northside Interceptor Tunnel and engaging in the Riverside Sewer Separation Project; and

WHEREAS, Akron is in the process of implementing the Northside Interceptor Tunnel ("NSIT") project and the Riverside Sewer Separation Project, and the only other remaining Consent Decree project is the requirement to install the ACTIFLO Ballasted Flocculation Unit (or equivalent technology), also known as the Enhanced High-Rate Treatment ("EHRT"); and

WHEREAS, without the EHRT, Akron will be capturing and treating 99% of the wet weather flows and reducing the number of combined sewer overflow events from its system by 99.7% with the completion of the NSIT and Riverside Sewer Separation; and

WHEREAS, the EHRT was originally projected to treat 190 million gallons of CSOs from seven (7) modeled overflow events at the Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel ("OCIT") in the typical year in 2011; and

WHEREAS, as Akron has utilized a significantly improved model and actual data from operating its new wastewater treatment system, the projections demonstrate less than 100 million gallons of CSOs from three (3) modeled overflow events at the OCIT in a typical year today; and

WHEREAS, the estimated capital cost of the EHRT has increased from \$73 million at the time of the LTCP development to a current estimate of \$209 million and alternative treatment technologies do not show a more cost-effective solution; and

WHEREAS, Akron proposes to address persistent, daily bacteria loadings to the Cuyahoga River watershed that threaten recreational uses of our waterways from the Springfield Lake Outlet all the way to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park instead of bacteria loadings that would only occur during recreationally dangerous high flow events that are projected to occur only three times in a typical year; and

WHEREAS, as an alternative to the EHRT project, Akron, through a partnership with Summit County, has proposed four (4) alternative projects that would cost substantially less than the EHRT, and include: i) reducing the typical year discharge to 62.1 million gallons by treating wastewater at Akron's existing Cuyahoga Street Storage Facility; ii) sewerage the Village of Peninsula, located in the heart of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park; iii) conducting studies necessary to begin the process of providing sanitary sewer service to the Sawyerwood neighborhood of Springfield Township; and iv) addressing sanitary sewer overflows to Springfield Lake from the Village of Lakemore; and

WHEREAS, Ohio EPA and Summit County support Akron's proposal to address more cost-effective, recreationally sensitive, and environmentally just bacteria elimination projects in the watershed instead of the EHRT; and

WHEREAS, the alternative sewer projects proposed by Akron and Summit County represent a once-in-a-generational opportunity to not only significantly improve the welfare of financially disadvantaged Summit County communities, but also the opportunity to significantly improve water quality within Akron and all of Summit County by materially reducing pollutants in Springfield Lake, the Little Cuyahoga, and the Cuyahoga River – all while reducing the already overwhelming financial burden already placed on Akron residents.


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

Section 1. That Board of Trustees, on behalf of Springfield Township, hereby expresses its support of Akron's proposed alternative CSO projects in lieu of the EHRT.

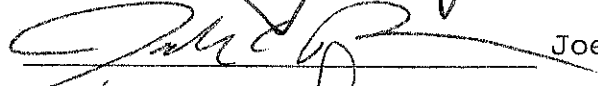
Section 2. That the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Mr. Michael Regan, and to the Region 5 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Ms. Debra Shore.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is immediately necessary for this Board to express its support for more impactful and cost-effective water treatment technology that will benefit not only Akron, but all of Summit County and the greater-Akron region, and provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to the Board, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

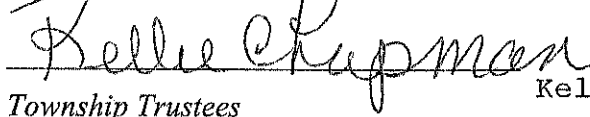
Adopted the 10th day of August, 2023.



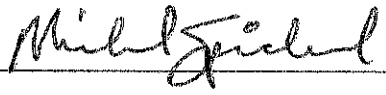
Dean Young



Joe DiLauro



Township Trustees Kellie Chapman

Attest: 

Township Fiscal Officer
Michael Spickard

"EXHIBIT A"

**THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
MOTION NO. 176-23**

<u>2081 Police District</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Fund Line</u>		
2081-210-221-0000 Medical/Hospitalization	Increase Budget	\$50,000.00
2081-210-323-0904 Repairs/Maintenance (Automotive).	Increase Budget	\$20,000.00
2081-210-353-0000 Natural Gas	Increase Budget	\$10,000.00

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EXHIBIT "B"

REALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

MOTION NO. 177-23

2902 MISC SPECIAL SENIOR CENTER

From Fund Line	To Fund Line	Amount
2902-610-351-0000 (Electric)	2902-610-500-1016 (Refunds)	\$1,600
2902-610-351-0000 (Electric)	2902-610-353-0000 (Natural Gas)	\$400

SIGN IN SHEET

NAME

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