
**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
MINUTES**

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees held a meeting on Thursday, September 28, 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 (here).

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider the following: add additional areas of the Township in proximity of Springfield Lake to be rezoned as Open Space "OC" areas.

Dean Young: This application was heard by our Zoning Commission and was subject to a prior presentation, and then forwarded to the Trustees for consideration. Is there anyone present that wishes to speak on the subject? Does any other Board member have any comments? No response.

ADM 209-23 Dean Young: I move to approve adding additional areas of the Township in proximity of Springfield Lake to be rezoned as Open Space "OC" areas. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

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MOTIONS

- ADM 210-23** Dean Young: I move to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve the minutes to date. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).
- ADM 211-23** Dean Young: I move to approve payment of bills and payroll as prepared by the fiscal officer, subject to audit. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).
- ADM 212-23** Dean Young: I move to approve the attached resolution approving the grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural resources for Navigational Aids for Springfield Lake. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).
- PARKS 213-23** Dean Young: I move to approve the attached resolution for change orders in contracted services for the construction of the Spur Trail from the Springfield High School to the Spartan Trail. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).
- PARKS 214-23** Dean Young: I move to approve the attached resolution for the Purchase of Aggregate Materials for the Construction of the 900' Spur Trail from Springfield High School to the Spartan Trail. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

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- ROAD 215-23** Kellie Chapman: I move to approve the payment to Protect-A-Cote, Inc. in the amount of \$3,304.41 for the 2023 Crack Sealing Program as provided by the Summit County Engineer and paid from fund line 2231-330-360. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).
- FIRE 216-23** Kellie Chapman: I move to accept the resignation of part-time firefighter-paramedic Aaron Gurley effective September 25, 2023. Aaron in his letter of resignation states he is unable to fulfill his sworn duties and is very appreciative of the opportunity to work for Springfield Fire. Seconded by Joe DiLauro. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).
- FIRE 217-23** Dean Young: I move to authorize the Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief, or authorized representative to accept the Department of Homeland Security, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant No: EMW-2022-FF-01665, in the amount of \$1,940,532.00 to fund the hiring of six-additional-full-time firefighter paramedics for a three-year duration. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).
- POLICE 218-23** Joe DiLauro: I move to approve payment in the amount of \$11,650.69 to B & C Communications for upfitting of new cruiser, to be paid from Line #2221-210-430. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

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POLICE 219-23 Joe DiLauro: I move to approve payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to OTARMA for insurance deductible Claim OTR019462A1, to be paid from Line #2081-210-380. Seconded by Dean Young. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 8, 2023 – K-9 Car Show, 9 to 5

October 13, 2023 – ‘Trunk or Treat’ on the lake.

October 28, 2023 – Trick or Treat, Springfield Township, 5 to 7.

November 24/25, 2023 – Fill-A-Cruiser, WalMart

December 1, 2023 – Tree Lighting

December 9, 2023 – ‘Shop With A Cop’

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Burnside, 20 years. Presented a ‘retirement ax’ by Fire Department.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Grayson Henderson was sworn in by Chief Wincik.

ADM 220-23 Dean Young: I move to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and compensation of a public employee to include the Board of Township Trustees. Seconded by Kellie Chapman. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman (yes); Mr. Young (yes); Mr. DiLauro (yes).

The Board went into Executive Session.
The Regular Meeting resumed.

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ADM 221-23 **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, Trustee



Michael Spickard, Fiscal Officer

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Minutes prepared by
Patty Price

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS FOR SPRINGFIELD LAKE

Whereas, Springfield Lake has experienced several incidents involving watercraft damage and damage to Township placed lake water quality equipment.

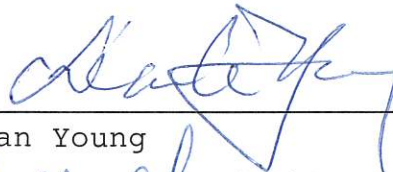
Whereas, the unsafe and unregulated operation of watercraft poses a threat to safety and property

Whereas, it is necessary to designate the speed and ski zones on Springfield Lake for safer operation.

Whereas, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has updated the rules and regulations for lawful and unlawful watercraft operation on Springfield Lake

Therefore, it is hereby resolved that this Board of Trustees of Springfield Township approves the Grant Application for Navigational Aids to be provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and approves the necessary cooperative agreement with the Division of Parks and Watercraft. Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Springfield Township authorizes Ted Weinsheimer and LeeAnne Jascoe to sign all documents relating to the Navigational Aids Grant.

Adopted the 28th day of September, 2023.



Dean Young



Kellie Chapman



Joe DiLauro
Township Trustees

Attest:



Township Fiscal Officer
Michael Spickard

RESOLUTION NO. 213-23
Authorizing Expenditure from American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Summit County, Ohio

Be It Resolved *by the Township Trustees of Springfield Township*

WHEREAS, this date, September 28, 2023, Trustee Dean Young moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Township has received a distribution of monies (the "ARPA Funds") from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA" or the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Act effective March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19); and

WHEREAS, Section 603(c) generally provides that:

(1) USE OF FUNDS. Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover costs incurred by the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county, by December 31, 2024 -

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

~~(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.~~

WHEREAS, Department of Treasury Final Rule, published on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022, provides in part that:

Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.” [The “standard allowance”].

WHEREAS, the Rule further observes that:

The standard allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple, convenient way to determine revenue loss particularly for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund’s smallest recipients. This change is intended to promote administrative efficiency and simplify revenue loss calculation for smaller recipients.

WHEREAS, the Rule further clarifies that recipients can use:

SLFRF funds on government services up to the revenue loss amount, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the [Final Rule four-step process]. Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless treasury has stated otherwise.

WHEREAS, some common examples of “government services” expressly recognized by Treasury are as follows:

- Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure
- Health services
- General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities
- Environmental remediation
- Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles)
- Maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure
- Modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure

WHEREAS, “Government services is [deemed by Treasury] the most flexible eligible use category under the SLFRF program, and funds are subject to streamlined reporting and compliance requirements;” and

WHEREAS, funds utilized pursuant to the standard revenue loss allowance continue to have certain restrictions, including:

- Deposit into pension funds
- Satisfaction of settlements or judgments
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~~**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has identified a project which, in the judgment of the Board, qualifies as a permitted use of the ARPA Funds, in direct support of governmental services, which consists of the following: **For change orders in Contracted Services for the Construction of the Spur Trail from the Springfield High School to the Spartan Trail** (the “Project”).~~

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. The Township elected to use the standard allowance by way of **Resolution 035-22** and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund government services.

2. The Project is hereby authorized and shall be paid for from the ARPA (**2274-490-360-0000**) Funds in the amount of/an amount not to exceed: **\$4,100.00** and paid to **Justice Company**.

3. The Project described herein serves the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government, namely:

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4. Accordingly, the Project is in the best interests of the Township and is deemed a priority for the community.

5. No obligations paid under the authority of this Resolution were incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

Trustee Kellie Chapman seconded the Motion, and thereupon, the votes in favor of this Resolution were recorded and reflected by the signatures hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Township concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Township Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Township Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

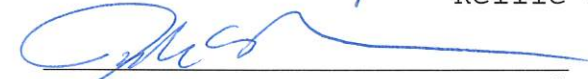
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