

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO  
RESOLUTION 24-001

**PROCLAMATION POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC  
STERLING WILLIAM "BUTCH" RAHE.**

The Board of Trustees of Springfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio, met in regular session on January 22, 2024 at 7617 Angola Road, Holland, Ohio, with the following members present:

Tom Anderson Jr., and Andrew Glenn

Tom Anderson Jr. moved the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the community of Springfield Township mourns the loss of Firefighter/Paramedic Butch Rahe, who passed away on January 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Butch was born July 26, 1966 and married the love of his life Rebecca "Becky" Naves-Rahe of which they have two (2) sons, Jon and Caleb; and

**WHEREAS**, Butch was initially hired as a Springfield Township volunteer firefighter on February 28, 1994 and assigned as part-time firefighter/paramedic on September 3, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Butch was hired by the City of Toledo Fire Department for full-time employment on March 31, 2000, as firefighter/paramedic and ended his watch as the departments PIO (Public Information Officer) on January 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Butch was the face of the fire service not only for TFRD, but area wide. He was a leader, mentor and hero having impacted the lives of everyone he encountered. His professionalism was matched only by the respect and attention he gave to every person he came into contact with. Butch was an admired veteran of STFD, and he served STFD holding a regular part-time shift. His passion for the fire service was parallel from Toledo to Springfield Township and his experience, passion and leadership cannot be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, Butch will forever be remembered and admired by STFD and the Springfield Township community; and

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

1. That the Springfield Township Board of Trustees take this opportunity to express our sincere condolences to the family of Sterling William "Butch" Rahe and acknowledge his long-time service to the Springfield Township Fire Department and the Springfield Township community.
2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal action of this Board relating to this Proclamation was adopted in an open meeting of this Board and in compliance with all legal requirements.

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Andrew Glenn seconded the motion and the roll call was called on the question of its adoption.  
The vote was as follows:


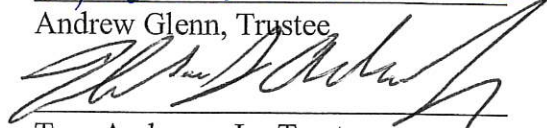
Tom Anderson Jr.  
Andrew Glenn

YES  
YES

**ATTEST:**



Barbara Dietze, Fiscal Officer  
January 22, 2024 Regular Trustee Meeting

  
Andrew Glenn, Trustee  
  
Tom Anderson Jr., Trustee