

Springfield Township Trustees  
Regular Trustees' Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Tuesday July 16, 2024

The Springfield Township Trustees met in regular session, open to the public, on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Township Chambers, 7617 Angola Road, Holland, Ohio with the following members present:

Tom Anderson Jr.  
Rachel Geiger  
Andrew Glenn

Andrew Glenn called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All present were asked to rise for a silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **Motion made by Tom Anderson Jr. to approve the agenda as presented with revisions to the order of presentations.** Seconded by Rachel Geiger and the roll call resulted as follows:

Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Rachel Geiger, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sworn in for public comment on fireworks complaint are Ron Halbert, 2270 Garden Creek Drive, Maumee, OH and Gwen Halbert, 2270 Garden Creek Drive, Maumee, OH. While fireworks are legal in Ohio they feel there should be some stipulations in place to protect neighborhood properties. We reside in a subdivision currently where the properties are back to back, side to side, and we have a neighbor that's directly behind us that for the last three years has put on this elaborate fireworks display, and we're left stuck with cleaning up all the debris, the litter, etc. The second year we had tried discussing with her. The embers burned a hole in our solar cover of our pool. We tried to discuss that with her and tried to bring her to the fence line to show her the litter and everything that was just in our pool (clogged the filter) and our roof. And the only thing she said was, sorry about that. So, this year, once again they put on a more elaborate show. Once again, we dealt with the litter and debris including our roof and pool. Our other neighbor had his asphalt driveway resealed and he had debris in that. Unfortunately, due to health conditions, he couldn't come to this meeting. So basically, asking for ordinance to be put in place to ban fireworks in our neighborhood due to the risk, the damage they can cause, along with safety concerns with our pine trees, small children being outside, pets, or causing just injuries.

Response to comment/complaint from Springfield Township

- Townships are creatures of statutes in Ohio so we can only do what the Ohio Revised Code allows us to do. If Ohio would allow the townships to ban fireworks who enforces it and how it is enforced (e.g. a ticket, a civil fine, a criminal fine) so it becomes an enforcement issue for the Lucas County Sheriff's Office.
- Officer Warren stated the residents can call the Sheriff Office to generate a report to list whatever damages you have, and then we can forward that to the Prosecutor. If you are unable to reach a resolution amongst each other, we can forward that to the prosecutor so that you can get some relief. Providing estimates of the damages would be good in the event it is sent to the Prosecutor.
- Provided to the residents a printout of Ohio's laws regarding fireworks.

Ron stated he call the Sheriff that night and was told there's not much they can do because they're legal. And I said, well, the debris is getting all in my pool, all over my yard, my roof and it is a foot away from a big pine tree in my backyard.

Response to comment/complaint from Springfield Township

- Officer Warren apologize for that, but the call to 911 is the only enforcement mechanism and should be made when it is happening. If there are damages for his year they should be reported.

Sworn in for public comment on a noise complaint is Jonathan Seeger, 6528 Lincoln Green.

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Recently, we had an issue with our neighbors. They have a sound system in their house that is overbearing, more for commercial use because it is to the point to where if they play their radio, it's sending vibrations to my house. One evening, they decided to have friends over, whatever until it came to 1 am and we had enough of the music. We asked the neighbors politely, hey, would you turn the music down and they would not so we contacted the sheriff. They came out and spoke to them. It went down for a little bit, and then began again until 6 am when it stopped again until around 9 am. I went outside to let out my dog and the neighbor confronted me about I called the sheriff for their music. A sheriff ended up coming over to the house again, and he said while he understands the issue there is no noise ordinance in the township and referred us to Deputy Warner. I took it upon myself to look up to see that Maumee, Sylvania, Waterville and Toledo have one.

Response to comment/complaint from Springfield Township

- We can enact a noise resolution in the township, but it's a civil action, not a criminal action. So that means the township has to be out there with noise measuring devices to measure the noise, and then we have to file civil action against them in Sylvania court. It's absolutely unenforceable.
- Deputy Warren has been in contact with his wife, never him, and explained that to her. The last time that I followed up with her she let me know that it has ceased because I agreed to meet with both parties. It is my understanding at this time the neighbor said he's willing to cooperate. He was mad at something else, and he took it out on them, and he apologized. As of now it has been resolved but I did let them know that it will become a disorderly conduct.
- Although there is no noise ordinance, we can't pass ordinances as a Township, it is covered under the Ohio Revised Code 2917.11 under disorderly conduct. So that night, when you said you called at 1 am and it went on until 6 am, I would have suggested to call back again because if they know that it's repeated, then it's going to eventually get to that disorderly conduct.

With that, the deputy that came to the house if it starts to become a problem with me calling all the time, then that can fall back on me as well as an obstruction of justice, however I do not remember his name.

Response to comment/complaint from Springfield Township

- Lieutenant John Leach, Lucas County Sheriff's Office. I am not familiar with the incident that you're referring to, but if you can give me the date and time I can look into what the deputy was sent out. Nobody wants to have that neighbor that is playing their music at 3 am because it's unnecessary. We can look into this a little further. I think we can agree that if there are actual violations going on with this music, you would not get charged with abusing 911.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

***Sheriff's Report: Deputy Sheriff Warren***

- Community Events – Buffalo Soldiers provided lunch and refreshments to all the tenants in Oakwood Gardens in observance of Juneteenth and invited LCSO to assist. Along with SLS attended five events at apartment complexes in the Township to provide books, popsicles, and goodie bags for registration for Springfield Schools.
- Bike patrol is in full effect and third ride was completed today. Receiving positive feedback on the bike unit. Open to suggestions for routes. Recent incident in which they have been able to assist other departments. A call came in and we were in the parking lot to assist our fire and medics, so we were able to cancel our cruiser and take care of that. It alleviates the stress of our road patrol as well. Last week we were flagged down on McCord and we were able to handle that. It was just a simple keep the peace, so everything was taken care of, and I feel like it's positive.
- Construction impacts – roundabout on Bancroft and McCord to start July 22<sup>nd</sup>, some complaints regarding the roundabout at Salisbury and Holloway, and roundabout at Centennial and Hill is almost complete.
- June had 979 calls of service and 139 reports made, a decrease from May. We had a manhunt that ended in Springfield Township on Dorr Street on July 11<sup>th</sup>. We assisted OSHP with the manhunt that started in Wood County. Initially the terminated the

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search due to not being able to locate him, however a call came in 8 pm stating they saws the description of the person that was being pursued. The suspect was found hiding in the stockroom of the Prompt Stop, was apprehended him and turned over to OSHP. July 12<sup>th</sup> there was a car robbery in the Woodridge Apartments around 10:30 pm. TPD found the vehicle, conducted a traffic stop, apprehended that individual as well as the juvenile, and recovered the weapon that was used.

- Citizens Police Academy is September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** Mike Hampton, Administrator

Mr. Hampton reviewed the Monthly Report and highlighted the following items:

- Harding township amended agreement. June 3<sup>rd</sup> was the expiration of the firefighting, ambulance, and emergency medical service agreement with Harding Township. We want to continue services so we did come to an agreement. It's a 50% increase now based upon what they can afford. They are planning a levy to cover the remaining costs. You will see that this agreement is extended beyond June 3<sup>rd</sup> until we either come to a full-time agreement or the date of November 5<sup>th</sup> approaches, which would be soon after the general election.
  - **Motion made by Tom Anderson Jr to approve the amended agreement for the firefighting, ambulance and emergency services with Harding Township as presented.** Seconded by Rachel Geiger and the roll call resulted as follows:

Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Rachel Geiger, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

- Swanton Township – having discussion with them regarding fire services and they did their first resolution of necessity for a fire levy last night.
- Swan Creek Watershed – Lucas County Engineer has been pursuing a Swan Creek and Ten-Mile Watershed petition for the last three years. Completed some research and put together a Swan Creek Q&A for review and invited Lucas County Engineer Mike Pniewski to attend the meeting tonight for additional questions and answers. The Village of Whitehouse was the petitioner. They way the ditch petition law works in the State of Ohio is that only one petitioner is required. One benefiting landowner is what's required to initiate a petition to essentially have the county engineer take a look at issues that are impacting a watershed and provide proposed solutions.
- Right of Way Vacation Request – requesting the Trustees' vacate Parcel 65-52467 and Parcel 65-52471 for installation of a driveway leading to house. Lucas County Surveyor, Matt Puhl recommends the vacation request. Request from Trustees' to authorize the Township Administrator to work out the details on the vacation of the property.
  - **Motion made by Tom Anderson Jr to approve the vacation of the parcels 65-52467 and 65-52471 and authorize the Township Administrator to work out the details on the vacation of the property.** Seconded by Rachel Geiger and the roll call resulted as follows:  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Rachel Geiger, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes
- The Assistant Admin/HR Generalist report was presented.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

***Fire/EMS Monthly Report: Jonathon Ziehr, Acting Fire Chief***

- Acting Chiefs Ziehr and Sauder attended the monthly Lucas County EMS Policy board meeting. All discussion pertained to the EMS reform and changes forthcoming on August 5, 2024.
- Acting Chiefs Ziehr and Sauder attended the Toledo Fire and Rescue's annual memorial service for fallen firefighters. This year Public Informational Officer Butch Rahe with Toledo and a firefighter/paramedic with STFD was memorialized.
- Meeting held with Sylvania Fire Administration regarding the HERO program.
- Completed AED training for Springfield Township and the Village of Holland's staff (totaling 11 employees).

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- Acting Assistant Chief as well as department personnel participated in a joint “live” active shooter training with multiple agencies at the 180<sup>th</sup> guard base.
- During the hot summer days had a popsicle and sprinkler event at Oak Park in which the ladder was extended and opened for a time for the kids to cool off.
- Site plan reviews noted in report
- Investigations noted in report with one to highlight. Structure fire at 6929 Dorr Street in the rear of the home due to extension cords. All occupants were able to evacuate as well as pets with no injury, loss was \$30,000 however the save was \$90,000.
- Fire/EMS responded to 398 calls in the month of June.
  - Station 51 = 224 calls; Station 53 = 97 calls; Station 56 = 77 calls
- Monthly report from Support Services presented.
- June Fire Inspections and HERO program reports presented.
- Asking for approval from the Trustees for the annual hose and ladder testing with Waterway in the amount of \$7,815.10.
  - **Motion made by Tom Anderson Jr. to approve the cost of \$7,815.00 for annual hose and ladder testing.** Seconded by Rachel Geiger and the roll call resulted as follows:

Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Rachel Geiger, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Brenna Koback, Fiscal Officer

***Payment of Bills***

- **Motion made by Rachel Geiger to approve the listing of payments to be made by check from July 2 to July 16, 2024, in the amount of \$1,307,582.18, as presented.** Seconded by Tom Anderson Jr. and the roll call resulted as follows:

Rachel Geiger, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

- Presented the Trustees with the electronic payment listing from June 28 to July 11, 2024, in the amount of \$392,549.41.

***Approval of Minutes***

- **Motion made by Tom Anderson Jr. to approve the Regular Trustees' Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 2, 2024, as presented.** Seconded by Rachel Geiger and the roll call resulted as follows:

Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Rachel Geiger, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

**PUBLIC SERVICES:** Andy Hohlbein, Director of Public Services

Mr. Hohlbein reviewed the Monthly Report and highlighted the following items:

- Roads – completed road mowing, 2024 crack seal program, work for Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful completed at McCord and Nebraska, storm clean up of two fallen trees, and 2024 OPWC update
- Parks – hours for the fireworks display included set up and parking, repaired vandalism at Carmella Park
- Cemetery – 1 burial and 1 grave sold
- Fire – general maintenance completed
- Admin – general maintenance
- Zoning – removed two public hearing signs (6501 Angola and 8319 Nebraska) and turned one nuisance property into Jake (6626 Lincoln Green).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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An Executive Session was requested per ORC 121.22(G) (1): To consider the appointment, dismissal, discipline, demotion and compensation of a public employee or the investigation of complaints against a public employee and to invite Law Director Gary Sommer, Administrator Mike Hampton, Fiscal Officer Brenna Koback, Acting Fire Chief Jon Ziehr, and Acting Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Sauder.

**Motion made by Rachel Geiger to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.** Seconded by Tom Anderson, Jr. and the roll call resulted as follows:

Rachel Geiger, yes  
Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

**Motion made by Tom Anderson Jr. to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.** Seconded by Rachel Geiger and the roll call resulted as follows:

Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Rachel Geiger, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

***Action taken as a result of Executive Session:***

- Motion to authorize the Administrator to work with the Law Director to negotiate a two-year employment agreement with Acting Fire Chief Jon Ziehr.
  - **Motion made by Tom Anderson Jr. to authorize the Administrator to work with the Law Director to negotiate a two-year employment agreement with Acting Fire Chief Jon Ziehr.** Seconded by Rachel Geiger and the roll call resulted as follows:

Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
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Andrew Glenn, yes

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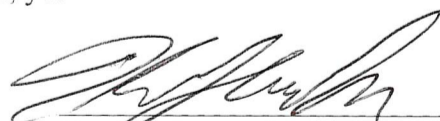
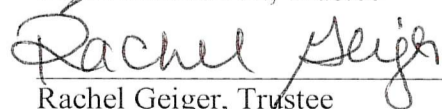
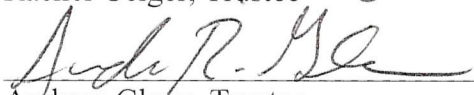
Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Rachel Geiger, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion made by Tom Anderson Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.** Seconded by Rachel Geiger and the roll call resulted as follows:

Tom Anderson Jr., yes  
Rachel Geiger, yes  
Andrew Glenn, yes

  
Brenna Koback, Fiscal Officer

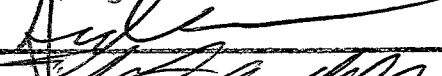
  
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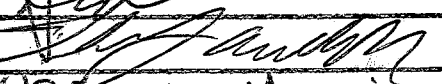
**Payment Listing**


7/2/2024 to 7/16/2024

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
712-24B	07/16/2024		AW	AT&T Mobility	\$684.80	B
713-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Cummins Sales and Service	\$380.37	B
714-24B	07/16/2024		AW	FLEETPRIDE	\$1,587.47	B
715-24B	07/16/2024		AW	FORREST AUTO SUPPLY	\$153.17	B
716-24B	07/16/2024		AW	GROSS ELECTRIC	\$270.09	B
717-24B	07/16/2024		AW	HOME DEPOT	\$214.90	B
718-24B	07/16/2024		AW	IMS Alliance	\$235.50	B
719-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Jam Best-One	\$4,497.66	B
720-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Kimball Midwest	\$713.19	B
721-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Klumm Brothers Waste Solutions	\$795.00	B
722-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Metropolitan Compounds, Inc	\$709.75	B
723-24B	07/16/2024		AW	OHIO AFSCME CARE PLAN	\$684.00	B
724-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Pahl Ready Mix Concrete Inc	\$3,827.75	B
725-24B	07/16/2024		AW	SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC	\$468.90	B
726-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Stafford Building Products, Inc.	\$850.00	B
727-24B	07/16/2024		AW	SUPERIOR UNIFORM SALES INC	\$3,429.05	B
728-24B	07/16/2024		AW	SUTPHEN CORPORATION	\$5,531.60	B
729-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Teleflex Funding LLC	\$610.50	B
730-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Advance Auto Parts	\$1,516.58	B
731-24B	07/16/2024		AW	AJ Boellner Inc	\$174.94	B
732-24B	07/16/2024		AW	BIG TRUCK AND AUTO	\$535.82	B
733-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC	\$67.50	B
734-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Columbus Equipment Company	\$68,255.00	B
735-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Commercial Comfort Systems, Inc.	\$817.33	B
736-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Gary O. Sommer	\$2,013.00	B
737-24B	07/16/2024		AW	High Impact Apparel	\$600.00	B
738-24B	07/16/2024		AW	KUHLMAN CORP	\$768.26	B
739-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Reliance Oxygen & Equipment	\$185.36	B
740-24B	07/16/2024		AW	SAM'S CLUB	\$467.50	B
741-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Sandman Sales Yard	\$249.00	B
742-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Shelly Materials, Inc.	\$78.78	B
743-24B	07/16/2024		AW	SILK SCREEN SHOP	\$1,496.45	B
744-24B	07/16/2024		AW	TOLEDO DOOR AND WINDOW	\$129.05	B
745-24B	07/16/2024		AW	TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY	\$184.37	B
746-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Triotech	\$2,027.75	B
747-24B	07/16/2024		AW	WELDER SERVICE COMPANY INC	\$96.92	B
755-24B	07/16/2024		AW	John Deere Financial	\$6,675.81	B
756-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Treasurer of Lucas County	\$47,562.06	B
759-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Brondes Ford Maumee	\$1,606.21	B
760-24B	07/16/2024		AW	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC	\$196.98	B
761-24B	07/16/2024		AW	LUCAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$1,146,233.81	B

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Total Payments: \$1,307,582.18

Total Conversion Vouchers: \$0.00

Total Less Conversion Vouchers: \$1,307,582.18