

**SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2021**

On January 25, 2021, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees met at the Shawnee Township Administration Building, 2530 Fort Amanda Rd., Lima, Ohio for the Regular meeting of the Board.

Due to COVID-19 this meeting was aired VIA: Facebook Live for the safety of the public and Township employees.

Chairman Belton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call indicated those present as follows: Trustee Holly, Trustee Belton, Trustee Spieles and Chief Keith. Fiscal Officer John Newland and Clay Balyeat were absent.

Trustee Holly made a motion to accept the January 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Trustee Belton seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Will hand deliver levy forms to Allen County Board of Elections on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

Will review language on Levy resolution.

POF: Casey Hileman – Allen Soil and Water Conservation

2021 Letter of Understanding between Shawnee Township and Allen Water Soil and Water Conservation.

The contract will remain the same as 2020. Rebate program for the rain barrels available again this year. 4 Shawnee resident purchased barrels in 2020. Hoping that opportunities with local schools this year. Working with Johnny Appleseed Parks on school programs. Illicit discharge information. Information on successful dam removal at Allentown by Ottawa River Coalition.

TRUSTEES BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 08-21

Resolution to Proceed with the Levying of a Tax Exceeding Ten-Mil Limitation for Shawnee Township

WHEREAS, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees have determined that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary current expenses of the Shawnee Township Police Department, and;

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021 the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees passed Resolution 01-21 declaring the necessity to levy an additional three and one half (3.5) mills under Ohio Revised Code 5705.03, outside the ten-mill limitation, at a rate not exceeding three and one half (3.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to .35 cents (\$0.35) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for a period of ten (10) years beginning with tax year 2021 and ending with 2030, and;

WHEREAS the necessity to levy three and one half (3.5) mills under Ohio Revised Code 5705.03, outside the ten-mill limitation is for the purpose of generating funds to pay expenses for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, and;

WHEREAS this shall include dispatch, communications and technology upgrades for the township in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 145.48 or 742.33, and;

WHEREAS, by Resolution 01-21, the Board of Trustees requested that the Allen County Auditor certify to the Board the current tax valuation of the Police District within Shawnee Township and the dollar revenue that will be generated by this proposed levy, and the Allen County Auditor in fact provided the certification, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees by two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, having received the certification from the Auditor, has determined to proceed to submit the question of the levying of a 10-year tax levy at a rate of (3.5) mill, effective January 1, 2021, for paying of current expenses of the Shawnee Township Police District, to the electors of Shawnee Township, with collection commencing in the 2022 calendar year, and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to electors of Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio at the election to be held therein on May 4, 2021, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the levy be placed upon the tax lists of the current year, January 1, 2021, in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.34 if a majority of the electors voting thereon are in favor thereof, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution together with the certification from the county auditor to the Allen County Board of Elections and to notify the board of elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law, and;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that all formal actions relative to the passage of this resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Trustee Holly motioned for approval, Trustee Spieles seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Belton, yes Mr. Spieles, Yes Mr. Holly, Yes

RESOLUTION 09-21

Appointment of Volunteer Firefighter - DeMoss

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees do hereby appoint William DeMoss as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Shawnee Township Fire Department contingent upon successfully passing all physical agility testing, necessary physical examinations, required screening, and any educational requirements presently required by the Shawnee Township Fire Department, and;

FURTHER, this appointment shall become effective on January 25, 2021.

Trustee Holly motioned for approval, Trustee Spieles seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Belton, yes Mr. Spieles, Yes Mr. Holly, Yes

Discussion regarding rescinding Resolution 07-21 regarding the Mid-American Cleaning contract.

Trustee Holly made a motion to amend the agenda to include Resolution 10-21 and 11-21. Trustee Spieles seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

10-21

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE MID-AMERICAN CLEANING CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees extends the contract with Mid-American Cleaning through the month of February 2021.

Trustee Holly motioned for approval, Trustee Spieles seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Belton, yes Mr. Spieles, Yes Mr. Holly, Yes

RESOLUTION 11-21 -A

Letter of Understanding with Allen Soil and Water Conservation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby accepts the letter of understanding with Allen Soil and Water Conservation as attached hereto.

Trustee Holly motioned for approval, Trustee Spieles seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

Roll Call: Mr. Belton, yes

Mr. Spieles, Yes

Mr. Holly, Yes

DEPARTMENTS

Fire

1. Placing order for new medic through Braun - \$280,000.00. Braun is contracted for state pricing through The State of Ohio Procurement.
2. Discussion regarding fire levy
3. Regarding the meeting with the Commissioners and dispatch, at this time Shawnee Township is not entering into a contract with them.

Police

1. Calls volume is up.
2. SROs are busy at the schools.
3. Levy information.

Roads:

1. Salt supply is good.

Zoning

1. Commission study session coming up in February.

Cemetery

1. Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Pipeline info on OUPS
2. RPC Meetings
3. Allen County Township Association meeting in February

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Trustee Holly made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Spieles seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

With no further business to be brought before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Holly motioned for adjournment, Trustee Spieles seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned. 10:45 a.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held January 25, 2021.

Dave Belton, Chairperson

Clark Spieles, Vice Chairperson

Russ Holly, Trustee at Large

Minutes prepared by Missy Van Meter, Administrative Assistant, Shawnee Township.