

**SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
March 8, 2021**

On March 8, 2021, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees met at the Shawnee Township Administration Building, 2530 Fort Amanda Rd., Lima, Ohio for an Emergency meeting of the Board.

Chairman Belton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call indicated those present as follows: Trustee Belton, Trustee Spieles, Chief Todd Truesdale, Zoning Inspector Mark Bishop, Attorney Clay Balyeat and Fiscal Officer John Newland. Trustee Holly was absent.

Trustee Spieles made a motion to accept the February 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Belton seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0.

**REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:**

Mr. Newland reviewed an explanation of estimated money in each fund

**Trustee Spieles made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Belton seconded the motion and roll being called; motion passed 2-0**

**REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:**

Nothing to report

POF: Scott Gephart, 2187 Wyandot

RE: County Dispatch

Mr. Gephart asked the following questions:

- Responsibility for not getting the police levy on the ballot.  
Mr. Belton stated that they had taken responsibility but going back on the discussion is not resolving the issue. The Trustees are moving forward and will not continue to discuss blame.
- Surrounding Townships are able to see our calls before we get them because they are on the County system. Why isn't the township switching to county dispatch?  
Mr. Belton stated that he believes the county system is the way to go for future technology.  
Mr. Spieles stated that he believes we should investigate all options. We have many calls that come in on the regular lines, not emergency lines. Ultimately, we need to focus on passing the police levy before we move forward with any decision on dispatch.
- Shawnee has high taxes. How are people supposed to afford more taxes? Getting rid of dispatch would save money and Mr. Gephart has heard that the County may hire some of our dispatchers that would lose their jobs.  
Mr. Balyeat asked if the levy was for new money and the trustees explained that since the former levy expired, it was new money for the levy currently on the ballot.
- When was Mr. Truesdale instructed to seek information on the County dispatch?  
Mr. Truesdale stated that he started gathering information in November. He stated that the original quote from the county was \$180,000.00 and went to \$120,000.00 in February. Mr. Truesdale explained the loss of funding from the state.
- What is the Trustee's official stance on County dispatch? Why hasn't the township gone to county dispatch? Suggested to move the fire department to county dispatching.  
Mr. Belton stated he served to the community and it wasn't right that we weren't willing to save money. He stated that the insurance requirements were the reason that we needed 2 dispatchers on each shift. Mr. Belton said that the county has invested a lot in the system, and it was great. We would need to further look into moving police because they are not sure how the County would work for Police.

**TRUSTEES BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 18-21**

**A Resolution Directing the Zoning Commission to Review and Recommend Amendments to the Zoning Map for Monticello Sub-Division**

**WHEREAS**, the current Shawnee Township zoning map designates Monticello Condos at Fort Amanda, Monticello Ridge Condos, Villas at Monticello and multiple residential lots within Monticello subdivision as Residential R-III, (Double and Multi-family dwellings) units.

**WHEREAS**, Monticello sub-division has been replated three times and mixed zoning designations exists within these recorded plats. Multiple R-1 Single Family Residents are located within R-III Double or Multi-Family Lots, and should reflect the correct zoning designation of Residential R-1 Single Family. In order to correct the zoning designations, a review of the Zoning Map by the Shawnee Township Zoning Commission will be required, to review and recommend any amendments to the Zoning Map within this area.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 519.12 directs the Shawnee Township Zoning Commission to review and recommend any amendments to the Shawnee Township Zoning Map within the Monticello Condos at Fort Amanda, Monticello Ridge Condos, Villas at Monticello as well as the subdivision of Monticello.

Trustee Spieles motioned for approval, Trustee Belton seconded, and the motion carried 2-0  
Roll Call:            Mr. Belton, Yes                    Mr. Spieles, Yes                    Mr. Holly, Absent

**Mr. Belton made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution to contact the Allen County board of Commissioners for a near solution for the 911 dispatch system, he doesn't have their price at this time, but wants to move forward with it and get this done as soon as possible.**

**Mr. Belton made a motion to amend the agenda.**

**There was no second on the motion. Motion died due to lack of a second.**

**DEPARTMENTS**

**FIRE**

- **Report submitted**  
Trustee Spieles made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Belton seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0
- **Call Numbers**
- **E-2 Water pump repaired**

**POLICE**

- **Levy Information**  
Chief asked if there were any questions. Todd Lause spoke in favor of keeping our own dispatch. There was a discussion on the school and areas in the township that when calling 911, they get directed to Auglaize county. There was discussion regarding the splitting of the cost of dispatch for all departments at 25% and that be a cost effective savings for the fire and police departments.

**ROAD**

- **Salt purchase**
- **Road Program**

**ZONING**

- **Submitted report**

**Trustee Spieles made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Belton seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0**

**CEMETERY**

- **Submitted report**  
Trustee Spieles made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Belton seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0
- **Tree Hunters hardwood - \$400.00**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- **Task Force**
- **Regional Planning**
- **TIRC- March 17**
- **Health Department meeting**
- **Regional Planning Meetings**

**BILLS:**

**Trustee Spieles motioned to pay the Bills. Trustee Belton seconded the motion and roll being called; the motion passed 2-0.**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to be brought before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Spieles motioned for adjournment, Trustee Belton seconded, and the motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned. 10:22 a.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held March 8, 2021

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Dave Belton, Chairperson

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Clark Spieles, Vice Chairperson

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Russ Holly, Trustee at Large

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