

SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2026

On January 12, 2026, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees met at the Shawnee Township, 2530 Fort Amanda Road, Lima, Ohio, for a Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chairman Neff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The roll call indicated the following present: Trustee Neff, Trustee Gross, Trustee Recker, Police Chief Kohli, Howard Gray, Kevin Cooley, Teresa Pulfer, Lesa Wende, Clay Balyeat, and Valerie Lester.

- Trustee Gross motioned to accept the December 8, 2025, Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.
- Trustee Gross motioned to accept the December 11, 2025, Special meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.
- Trustee Gross motioned to accept the December 23, 2025, Special meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.
- Trustee Gross motioned to accept the December 31, 2025, Special meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.
- Trustee Gross motioned to accept the January 2, 2026, Reorganizational meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

- Explanation of Finances
- Year-end wrapping up – ending with 6.7 million
- Carryovers are good

Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of passage. 3-0

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

- No official report

PRESENTATION: Allen Soil and Water Conservation District

Lydia and Melinda explained the MS4 Stormwater agreement and training. The agreement is the same as last year. Will review costs to see if there are any changes to be made to cover program expenses. Stormwater training is required and has been distributed to the relevant entities. The Police Department has already completed the training. Contract and payment for participation in the program need to be submitted by April 1, 2026, to ensure matching funding from the State.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- None

RESOLUTION 12-26

Mission Statement

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees adopt the following mission statement as our principal objective and core purpose:

Our mission is to inspire a Shawnee first mindset with an emphasis on our citizens and a sense of Community. To ensure a proper work environment for our employees, while providing excellent services for our citizens and businesses. To promote a proper environment for economic development and growth. To effectively pursue our mission with an emphasis on integrity, efficiency, and fiscal responsibility as we serve our community.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 13-26

Acceptance of MOU With Allen County Children Services

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the participation in protocols and activities for addressing child abuse and neglect as described in the attached MOU Between Allen County Children Services and Specific Community Partners.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 14-26

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement with the Government Entities within Allen County, Ohio, as attached hereto.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 15-26

Acceptance of MS4 Stormwater Program MOU with Allen Soil and Water Conservation District

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the MS4 Stormwater Program Administration Memorandum of Understanding with the Allen Soil and Water Conservation District as attached hereto.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 16-26

Dissolving of the CPO Position

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby dissolves the position of CPO (Chief Personnel Officer) effective January 12, 2026.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 17-26

2026 Adjustment of Departmental Funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Fiscal Officer to adjust departmental funds by reallocation and/or supplemental funding as needed during the year 2026.

Reporting of such activity is to be reported as part of the monthly reconciliation.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 18-26
Winter Conference 2026

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the Trustees or appropriate Department Heads to attend the 2026 Ohio Township Association Winter Conference, February 4th through February 6th, with registration being covered by the Township, and other costs associated with attendance in accordance with the Shawnee Township Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 19-26
Trustees to Oversee Individual Departments

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees, for the year of 2026, will oversee departments within the Township government as follows:

- Trustee Neff – Fire Department
- Trustee Recker – Police and Dispatch
- Trustee Gross – Roads, Zoning, and Cemetery

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 20-26
Reappointment of James Thompson to the Zoning Commission

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 519-04 creates the requirements for the establishment of a Zoning Commission for Shawnee Township, and;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Commission shall be composed of five (5) members, where the terms of the members shall be of such length and so arranged that the term of one member will expire each year, and;

WHEREAS, member James Thompson’s term expired on January 1, 2026, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees do hereby reappoint Mr. Thompson to the Shawnee Township Zoning Commission with the noted term:

James Thompson IIIThrough January 1, 2030

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 21-26

Acceptance of Shawnee Township Road Mileage

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the Ohio Department of Transportation's 2025 Township Highway System Mileage Certification for Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio, as 78.729 miles of public roads in Shawnee Township.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 22-26

Website Design and Maintenance

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the proposal of Anne Decker to design and maintain the Shawnee Township webpage as attached hereto.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 23-26

Acceptance of Addendum to Agreement with Austin Miller

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the agreement with Austin Miller as attached hereto.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 24-26

Reinstatement of Austin Miller

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees reinstate Austin Miller to Fire Chief effective January 13, 2026.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

DEPARTMENTS:

Fire

1. Thank you to the community
2. Awarded Kevin Cooley – Fiscal Officer of the Year

Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, and the roll being called, all voted yes.

Police

1. Annual Report
2. MOU

Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, and the roll being called, all voted yes.

Dispatch

1. Reviewed the number of calls for the month – 880

2. Training, Certification, and Continuing Education update for the year.

Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, and the roll being called, all voted yes.

Roads

1. Monthly Report/Year-to-Date Report
2. Still picking up leaves as the weather allows

Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, and the roll being called, all voted yes.

Zoning

1. Monthly Report/Year-end Report

Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, and the roll being called, all voted yes.

Cemetery

1. Monthly Report/ Year-end Report
2. Wreaths Across America report

Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, and the roll being called, all voted yes.

TO PAY THE BILLS:

Trustee Gross made a motion to pay the bills, which Trustee Recker seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Roll Call: Mr.Gross, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr.Neff, Yes

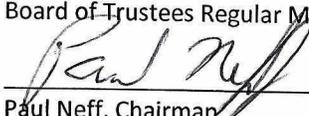
COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Allen Soil and Water Conservation District – New program
2. Cemetery Memorial

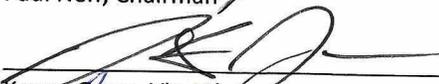
Adjournment

With no further business to be brought before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Gross motioned for adjournment, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

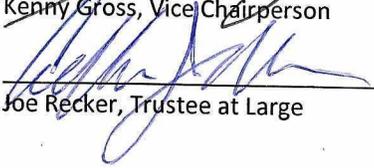
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Paul Neff, Chairman



Kenny Gross, Vice Chairperson



Joe Recker, Trustee at Large

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