

**SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2026**

On February 9, 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, Police Chief Kohli, Howard Gray, Kevin Cooley, Teresa Pulfer, Lesa Wende, Clay Balyeat, and Valerie Lester.

Trustee Neff thanked everyone for preparing the meeting room for tonight's meeting.

- Trustee Gross motioned to accept the January 26, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Neff seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

- Passing the Permanent Appropriations for 2026. Departments are all solvent. Increase of building account for the building of a fire station to 1.5 million
- Review of Fire budgetary items. Payroll in 2021 was 2.4 million, and in 2025 it is 3 million. Will be at 4 million in 2030. Discussion on the effects of the 1.5 mil levy.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

- Nothing to report

LIFESAVING AWARD: Presented to Kylee Morrisey for notification and alerting of residents during a house fire on Yoakam Road.

SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTERS

- Ian Fosnaugh
- Brody Lawhun
- Trenton Jorgensen

PRESENTATION: Shawnee Cemetery – Chained Eagles

Tom Vernon gave a presentation on the establishment of the Chained Eagles and on the proposed project for a Veterans' and First Responders' Memorial Monument at Shawnee Cemetery. The memorial cost is estimated to be \$95,600.00, with a goal of being completed by July 4, 2026. \$30,000.00 has been raised to date.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- Chad Massie – Thank Paul and Kenny for the positive changes that are taking place.

RESOLUTION 29-26

Authorization to Hire a Full-time Firefighter – Ian Fosnaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the hiring and appointment of Ian Fosnaugh as a Full-time Firefighter effective February 13, 2026, contingent upon passing of all required screening and testing, and;

FURTHER, Mr. Fosnaugh's wages and benefits shall be in accordance with the Labor Agreement between I.A.F.F #2550 and the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees.

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

RESOLUTION 30-26

Authorization to Hire a Full-time Firefighter – Brody Lawhun

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the hiring and appointment of Brody Lawhun as a Full-time Firefighter effective February 11, 2026, contingent upon passing of all required screening and testing and;

FURTHER, Mr. Lawhun’s wages and benefits shall be in accordance with the Labor Agreement between I.A.F.F #2550 and the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

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

RESOLUTION 31-26

Authorization to Hire a Full-time Firefighter – Trenton Jorgensen

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the hiring and appointment of Trenton Jorgensen as a Full-time Firefighter effective February 10, 2026, contingent upon passing of all required screening and testing and;

FURTHER, Mr. Jorgensen’s wages and benefits shall be in accordance with the Labor Agreement between I.A.F.F #2550 and the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

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

RESOLUTION 32-26

Acceptance of Resignation – C. Hodges

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Full-time Firefighter Caleb Hodges, effective March 5, 2026.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

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

RESOLUTION 33-26

Adoption of Reimbursement Policy for Firefighter, EMT, and Paramedic Certifications

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees adopts the attached policy for the reimbursement of tuition for Firefighter, EMT, and Paramedic certification and training for employees who are hired with the agreement to obtain their certifications necessary, and who sign the Firefighter, EMT, and Paramedic Reimbursement Agreement.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

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

RESOLUTION 34-26

Acceptance of Resignation – Matthew Green

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Full-time Firefighter Matthew Green, effective February 4, 2026.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

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

RESOLUTION 35-26

Acceptance of Permanent Appropriations

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts Permanent Appropriations as attached.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

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

RESOLUTION 36-26

MOU – Agreement to Cooperate with the Director of Transportation (ODOT)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the attached agreement to cooperate with the Director of Transportation on improvements to the intersection of SR 117 and SR 501 and S. Wapakoneta Road.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

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

DEPARTMENTS:

Fire

1. House fires last week
2. New Hires

Police

1. Construction on the building is complete. Will have an open house in the spring
2. Investigations – 40 open cases
3. Training – CPT
4. 8% decrease in calls last month. Weather impact.
5. Emergency Operation Plans
6. Participation in service for the passing of LPD K-9 Axe

Roads

1. Catching up with repairs
2. 50% of last month was snow removal
3. Appreciation for dealing with the Township parking lots and downed mailboxes in the Township

Zoning

1. Slow month with permits
2. Calls about fencing and lot splits
3. Working on carryover business
4. Brownfield funding opportunities
5. February 26 is proposed opening for Wawa

Dispatch

1. Report submitted
2. Thank you to the dispatcher who helped on one of the fire calls on her own time.

Cemetery

1. Report Submitted
2. Need to hire a part-time laborer
3. Retiring wreaths

Mr. Gross motion to accept all the departmental reports as presented. Mr. Neff seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

TO PAY THE BILLS:

Trustee Gross made a motion to pay the bills, and Trustee Neff seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

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

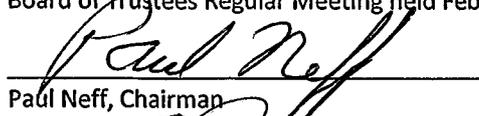
COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Working with ODOT on visibility issues with the bridge on Breese Road over 1-75. Installation of traffic lights has been proposed.

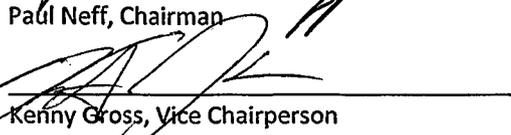
Adjournment

With no further business to be brought before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Gross motioned for adjournment, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 2-0.

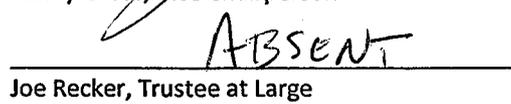
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Paul Neff, Chairman



Kenny Gross, Vice Chairperson



Joe Recker, Trustee at Large

ABSENT

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