

SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
March 23, 2026

On March 23, 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 Recker, Police Chief Kohli, Fire Chief Austin Miller, Howard Gray, Kevin Cooley, Lesa Wende, and Clay Balyeat were in attendance. Trustee Gross, Teresa Pulfer, and Valerie Lester were absent.

- Trustee Recker motioned to accept the March 9, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Neff seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

- Currently caught up with the Department of Defense contract payments
- Fund Status \$9,268,000.00

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

- Resolved most questions that have been asked
- Spoke with Attorney Al Smith, and the lawsuit filed against the Township and the Trustees has not been dismissed in Federal Court as agreed. Mr. Smith told Mr. Balyeat that it would be taken care of.

Trustee Recker made a motion to remove Resolution 52-26 and the Presentation from the agenda. Trustee Neff seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0

Trustee Recker made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Trustee Neff seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0

SWEARING IN: Police Officer Briley Hillard was sworn in as a Police Sergeant

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- **Jim Thompson** – Spoke about the moratorium on data centers in Shawnee Township. Mr. Thompson stated that he has spent a lot of time talking to others in the township and in American Township, and continues to hear about secrecy, non-disclosure agreements, and many things the community went through with Birch Solar. Mr. Thompson requested, for the record, that the Trustees confirm or deny that, in the capacity of Trustee, whether they have had a conversation with, or entered into an agreement with, any data centers, ancillaries, industries, or infrastructures that are associated with a data center outside of a public meeting. The community would like some assurance because of all the uncertainties. Trustee Neff stated that, as of this meeting, the trustees have not had any discussion with any data center. He explained the regulations that currently require data centers to be located in industrial zoning districts in Shawnee Township. Trustee Recker stated for the record that he has not had any conversations with anyone regarding data centers in Shawnee Township. Mr. Thompson stated that a comprehensive plan would not protect the community against large-scale data centers. He feels that a moratorium would be wise until there are safeguards in place.
- **Allen County Commissioner Winegardner** – Mr. Winegardner is visiting to make himself available to questions or comments from the community and will stay for a time after the meeting, should anyone like to speak with him.
- **Jon Keske** – Spoke on the clean up of Anna Selfridge’s property on Ft Amanda Road. Mr. Keske wanted to recognize the community’s effort and those who helped clean up the property. Rabbe Ford, Shawnee Baseball team, Rinehart and Sons, all contributed to the cleanup.

RESOLUTION 49-26

Promotion to Police Sergeant – Briley Hillard

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees appoints Briley Hillard as Police Sergeant effective March 23, 2026, with compensation corresponding with the current Labor Agreement between FOP and the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees.

Trustee Recker motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 2-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Absent Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 50-26
MOU with IAFF Local 2550 Regarding Lateral Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees and IAFF Local 2550 regarding Lateral Transfers, effective this 23rd day of March 2026.

Trustee Recker motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 2-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Absent Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 51-26
Authorization to Appoint Kris Browning a Fire Department Chaplain

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees appoints Kris Browning as Chaplain of the Shawnee Township Fire Department, effective this 23rd day of March 2026

SWEARING IN OF KRIS BROWNING AS CHAPLAIN

Trustee Recker motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 2-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Absent Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 53-26
Authorization to Hire Full-time Firefighter - Kevin Rader

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the hiring of Kevin Rader as a full-time firefighter effective March 30, 2026, with all wages and benefits in accordance with the labor agreement between the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees and IAFF Local 2550, and;

FURTHER, Mr. Rader’s employment will be contingent upon the passage of all required testing and physical screenings.

Trustee Recker motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 2-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Absent Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 54-26
Authorization to Hire Full-time Firefighter - Brock Profit

RESOLUTION 54-26 Failed to get a motion and therefore lacks the motion to bring the item to the table for a vote.

RESOLUTION 55-26
PPM Language Regarding Flex-time

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the following language to be added to the Shawnee Township Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual as section C in article 4.06 regarding Flex-time:

“Only actual hours worked outside of the standard approved work hours may be converted to flex time.

Non-exigent time shall be pre-approved by a member of the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees.

For example:

The duration of a Shawnee Township Board meeting should correlate with the amount of flex time submitted on your timesheet. If you require prep time before a meeting, one-half an hour is permissible. Anything over one-half an hour requires a Trustee’s authorization.

All converted hours for flex time must comply with the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.”

Trustee Recker motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 2-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Absent Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 56-26
Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement – A. Hughes IV

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the attached Training Reimbursement Agreement for Police Department employee Albert Hughes IV.

Trustee Recker motioned for approval, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 2-0
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Absent Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

DEPARTMENTS:

Fire

1. Working through the hiring Process

Police

1. Break-ins are occurring
2. Wawa opening
3. SRO Wilson and SRO Stevenson assisted Bible Believers in instituting new regulations and provided training
4. Shawnee Middle School ALICE training
5. Investigating new voice recording systems

Roads

1. First week of April – One additional round of leaf pick up
2. Working on the sign grant. 309 Stop signs and 128 25 mph signs in the township. Estimating \$46,000.00 for new signage.
3. Road Program on Thursday

Zoning

1. Absent

Dispatch

1. Absent

Cemetery

1. Boy Scouts picked up branches, and stumps have been removed.

Trustee Recker motioned for approval of the reports, Trustee Neff seconded, and the motion carried 2-0

TO PAY THE BILLS:

Trustee Recker made a motion to pay the bills, and Trustee Neff seconded. The motion passed 2-0.
Roll Call: Mr. Gross, Absent Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Wawa Grand Opening**

Mr. Recker made a motion to recess the regular meeting of the Board to go into Executive session to discuss complaints against a public employee. There will be no business when the meeting is reconvened. Trustee Neff seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0

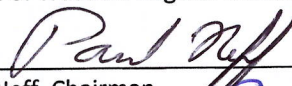
RECESSED:

Mr. Recker made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Board at 7:56 p.m. Trustee Neff seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Adjournment

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

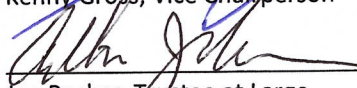
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Paul Neff, Chairman



Kenny Gross, Vice Chairperson



Joe Recker, Trustee at Large

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