

**SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2026**

On April 13, 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, Trustee Gross, Police Chief Kohli, Fire Chief Austin Miller, Howard Gray, Kevin Cooley, Teresa Pulfer, Lesa Wende, Valerie Lester, and Clay Balyeat were in attendance.

- Trustee Gross motioned to accept the March 23, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

- Letter to the Editor – Loss of CAT tax money figures

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

- No formal report
- Lawsuit against the Township and Trustees has been dismissed

SWEARING IN: Firefighter Kevin Rader

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR:

- John Hollenbacher – Trustee Gross requested that Mr. Hollenbacher speak about the fire Levy. Mr. Hollenbacher stated that less than 20% turn out for primary elections. Mr. Hollenbacher encouraged people to vote.
- Jim Thompson – Mr. Thompson spoke of the lack of leadership of the Fire Department and the 4.5 mil levy from 2021. He spoke of the lack of communication and transparency to the public. He questioned the urgency of placing the renewal on the ballots for May. He asked what the priorities of the Fire Department were, the lack of financial reports, the discussion about taking on other departments, and the lack of clear directives from the Fire Department and the trustees. Trustee Neff explained why the levy was put on the ballot. Chief Miller explained the necessity of the renewal levy. Mr. Thompson stated that we are paying twice for the loss of the same amount. Letting the levy fall off would not affect anything with the new 4.5 mil levy. Chief Miller stated that it would defund what the department is used to working with. Mr. Miller stated that with the potential Property Tax initiative, the department is not certain what they will have to work with. Mr. Thompson stated that the new administration won due to the Fire Department, transparency, and accountability, and the public isn't seeing it. There was audience participation in the conversation regarding funding, property tax issues, and new department plans.

RESOLUTION 57-26

FML – T. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes Family Medical Leave for Full-time Police Officer, Tyler Cramer, beginning March 2, 2026, and ending March 22, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993.

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 58-26

FML – J. Harter

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes Family Medical Leave for Full-time Dispatcher, Jessica Harter, beginning March 17, 2026, and ending March 21, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993.

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 59-26

FML – C. Kerby

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes Family Medical Leave for Full-time Firefighter, Christie Kerby, beginning April 12, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993.

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 60-26

Purchase of Computers for Police Department

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the purchase of 8 Dell computer systems at a cost of \$7,264.00 for the Shawnee Township Police Department to replace the existing outdated computers.

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 61-26

Acceptance of MORE Grant - Police

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the MORE grant through OTARMA in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Shawnee Police Department, and further accepts all terms and restrictions thereof.

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 62-26

Acceptance of the 2026 Road Program

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the Road Program for the year 2026 as attached hereto at an amount not to exceed \$60,161.93.

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 63-26

Creation of the Position of Assistant Road Superintendent

WHEREAS the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby creates the position of Assistant Road Superintendent to fulfill duties as a daily foreman and to assist in the management and daily activities of the Shawnee Township Road Department, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accept the Job description of the Assistant Road Superintendent 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 64-26

Appointment of Assistant Road Superintendent for the Road Department

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Trustees appoint James (Chris) Jordan to the position of Assistant Road Superintendent of the Shawnee Township Road Department, effective March 8, 2026, and;

FURTHER, Mr. Jordan’s hourly wage shall reflect an increase of 8% for the performance of the Assistant Superintendent, effective March 8, 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 65-26
Action on the Recommendation of the Zoning Commission Regarding a Moratorium on Data Centers, BESS, and Commercial Renewable Energy Facilities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Trustees accept the recommendation of the Shawnee Township Zoning Commission regarding the implementation of a moratorium on Data Centers, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and Commercial Renewable Energy Facilities in Shawnee Township as attached hereto, and;

FURTHER, in accepting the recommendation, the Board also accepts the resolution attached hereto, as presented by the Shawnee Township Zoning Commission, outlining the conditions, terms, and definitions relating to the moratorium, and the contents thereof shall become part of Resolution 65-26.

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 66-26
Representative Liaison for Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS Shawnee Township Trustees will begin the process of updating the current 2009 Shawnee Township Comprehensive Plan to ensure that the zoning districts of Shawnee Township are appropriate for the uses in which they are assigned, and;

WHEREAS the use of a representative liaison throughout the process would be beneficial to Shawnee Township in the assistance of communication, information, and research to complete the plan while working with the Board of Trustees, Shawnee Township Zoning Commission, Regional Planning, and other involved parties, and;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby appoints Todd Lause as the Representative Liaison for Shawnee Township to assist in the Shawnee Township Comprehensive Plan, and;

FURTHER, Mr. Lause’s hourly wage shall be \$25.00 per hour.

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 67-26
MOU with LACRPC for Comprehensive Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby accepts the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission for guidance in creating an updated Comprehensive Plan for 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 68-26
MOU with LACRPC for MPO

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby accepts the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission for support of Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Shawnee Township, 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

DEPARTMENTS:

Fire

1. Thank you to the Dispatchers for all that you do
2. CPR in the schools
3. Texas Oil School – J. Dotson
4. Donation of \$50,000.00 from Texas Oil School

Police

1. Sergeant Hillard on Thirds
2. New Hire in School – Albert Hughes
3. Report review
4. ALICE Training
5. Banquet in May

Roads

1. Sign Grant

Dispatch

1. Review of Report
2. Thank you to Dispatchers

Zoning

1. Review of Report

Cemetery

1. Thank you to the Road Department for mowing
2. Wreaths Across America Truck – May 16
3. Groundbreaking on the monument soon

Trustee Gross motioned for approval of all the reports as presented, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

TO PAY THE BILLS:

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

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

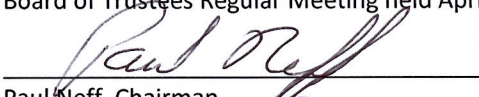
COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Enbridge moving lines on 117**
- **Allen County Engineer – Upgrade Breese and Shawnee intersection, and Breese and Dixie intersection project**
- **Adgate Bridge repairs**

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.


Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held April 13, 2026



Paul Neff, Chairman



Kenny Gross, Vice Chairperson



Joe Recker, Trustee at Large