

**SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2026**

On May 26, 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, Howard Gray, Kevin Cooley, Teresa Pulfer, Lesa Wende, Valerie Lester, and Clay Balyeat. Fire Chief Austin Miller was absent.

- Trustee Gross motioned to accept the May 11, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

- Nothing to report other than headed into budget season.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

- MOU for Todd Lause – Safe Routes to School
- Inter-governmental sale of a piece of equipment for the FD

SWEARING IN: Albert Hughes IV as a full-time police officer

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR:

- None requested

RESOLUTION 85-26

Authorization to Hire Full-time Police Officer – A. Hughes IV

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the hiring of Albert Hughes IV as a full-time Police Officer, effective May 26, 2026, with wages and benefits in accordance with the labor agreement between FOP 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, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

RESOLUTION 86-26

Authorization to Purchase Turnout Gear

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the purchase of 11 sets of Lion V Force fire turnout gear for \$3,500.00 per unit, and a total cost of \$38,500.00 for all units. The turnout gear is to replace expiring units of turnout gear and will be purchased through Phoenix Safety Outfitter.

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. St Rita’s recognized A-shift for handling of accident
2. LMH – Truesdale honored

Police

1. Click it or Ticket campaign
2. SRO will be back on the schedule after school
3. Banquet – Awards

- 4. BCI is conducting an audit

Dispatch

- 1. Applications coming in and being reviewed

Roads

- 1. Ditch maintenance and road repair
- 2. New trailer

Zoning

- 1. The department is busy
- 2. Commission to review zoning text
- 3. The Appeals Board passed an appeal on residential solar

Cemetery

- 1. Project moving along

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, Yes Mr. Recker, Yes Mr. Neff, Yes

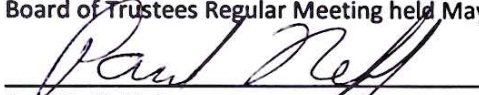
COMMUNICATIONS:

- New sign up
- Hoping for a 5-year plan for FD

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 May 26, 2026 – 6:57 p.m.



 Paul Neff, Chairman



 Kenny Gross, Vice Chairperson



 Joe Recker, Trustee at Large

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