

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

On July 13, 2026, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees met at 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, Chief Kohli, Teresa Pulfer, Mike Hastenstaub, Kevin Cooley, Valerie Lester, and Howard Gray. Chief Miller was absent.

Amendment agenda:

- Trustee Gross made a motion to add Resolution 112-25 to the agenda. Trustee Recker seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Trustee Gross made a motion to remove the Presentation by Scott Stumbaugh from the agenda. Trustee Recker seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the newly amended agenda. Trustee Recker seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the June 22, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

- Working on Budget.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

- Spoke with legal counsel from Columbus. Counsel would like to talk with Mr. Cooley regarding records.

Mr. Neff read a press release regarding the ongoing investigations of Chief Miller.

CITIZEN'S AWARD:

Mr. Robert Anderson was recognized for his quick actions at Superior Credit, where a vehicle had a fire in the back.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- Steve Cleaves – Zoning Resolution review, recreational trailer parked on property at 3210 Spencerville Road.
- Complaint about fireworks and the effects on animals – inaudible name.
- Kay Sellati – Complaint about fireworks.
- Complaint regarding speeding in Indianbrook.

RESOLUTION 102-26

Acceptance of Resignation – T. Jorgensen

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Full-time Firefighter Trenton Jorgensen, effective June 9, 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 103-26

Contract and Purchase for 2026 Medic Unit

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the attached contract and approves the purchase of a 2026 Braun Chief XL I VIN 1FDUF5HT1TDA10931, including Paint, Graphics, and additions at a cost not to exceed \$378,015.00; and

FURTHER, the contract and purchase shall be made through Penn Care, Inc., Niles, Ohio.

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 104-26

Hiring of Full-time Dispatcher – K. Schweizer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the hiring of Kim Schweizer as a full-time dispatcher effective July 13, 2026, with all wages and benefits in accordance with the Labor Union Agreement between the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees and the OLC.

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 105-26

Paid Administrative Leave – L. Rickett

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees places full-time Fire Department Secretary, Lori Rickett, on paid administrative leave effective June 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

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 106-26

Acceptance of Resignation – L. Rickett

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Lori Rickett, Fire Department Secretary, effective July 3, 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 107-26

MOU for Cost Sharing of ODOT Abbreviated Safety Funding

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the attached Memorandum of Understanding for the Cost Sharing of Local Match for ODOT Abbreviated Safety Funding.

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 108-26

Injury Leave – L. Dray

WHEREAS Firefighter Lyle Dray suffered a work-related injury on June 7, 2026, while on the Medic Unit; and

WHEREAS Mr. Dray's injury claim through the Bureau of Workers' Compensation is an "Allowed" claim and therefore qualifies him for Injury Leave in accordance with the Labor Agreement between the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees and IAFF #2550; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby places Mr. Dray on paid Injury Leave effective June 7, 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 109-26

Authorization for Resource to Remove Brush and Leaves

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the hiring of Resource to remove brush and leaves that are a result of brush and leaf removal in Shawnee Township; and

FURTHER, the cost for Resource to grind and remove the debris is \$4,000.00 and shall be split between the General Fund and the appropriate Road Department fund.

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 110-26

Declaration of Public Nuisance and Order of Abatement

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Shawnee Township, Allen County, is permitted through Section 505.86, 505.87, and 5579.05 of the Ohio Revised Code to regulate the growing of noxious, nuisance vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris on property, and blighted property throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Trustees may provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris from land in the Township, if the board determines the owner's maintenance of such vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris constitutes a public nuisance and blighted property; and

WHEREAS, the Shawnee Township Zoning Inspector investigated the conditions and documented the vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris which constitutes a nuisance and conditions contributing to the blighted property through the use of date-stamped photographic evidence, as presented in Exhibit "A" as an attachment to this Resolution, for the following properties:

Address	Auditor's Parcel ID # (PIN)	Owner:
1. 3610 S Dixie Hwy., Allen County, Lima, Ohio	46-1412-02-012.000	Harold Jordan Nicole Schnieder

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of record and all lien holders of record of the aforementioned property have not responded to requests by the Shawnee Township Zoning Department to remove, control said vegetation, and to comply with the listed violations of the Articles of the Shawnee Township Zoning Resolution. It is further recommended to the Board of Trustees of Shawnee Township that the existence of the uncontrolled vegetation on the above-referenced property does constitute a nuisance under Ohio Revised Code 505.87, as well as Shawnee Township Resolution #60-18 effective March 26, 2018, and in accordance with ORC 1.08 the above-referenced property does constitute a blighted property.

WHEREAS, violations of the Shawnee Township Zoning Resolution, Exterior Maintenance Code, and ORC are attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, at least seven days before providing for the abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, the Board of Township Trustees, shall notify the owner of the land and any holders of liens of record upon the land that the owner is ordered to abate, control, or remove the vegetation, grass, and noxious weeds, as the owners maintenance of which, has been determined by the Board to be a nuisance; and,

WHEREAS, if such vegetation, grass, noxious weeds, garbage, refuse or debris is not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provisions for its abatement, control, or removal is not made in seven-(7) days, the Board shall provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred, to include \$ 100.00 administrative fee by the township in performing that task shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry; and,

WHEREAS, if the Board of Township Trustees determines within twelve consecutive months after a prior nuisance determination that the same owner's maintenance of vegetation, grass, noxious weeds, garbage, refuse, or other debris on the same land in the township constitutes a nuisance, at least four-(4) days before providing for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred, to include \$100.00 administrative fee by the township in performing that task shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio, by authority under Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** The Board specifically finds and hereby determines that the uncontrolled growth of vegetation and / or refuse and debris on said property listed above constitutes a nuisance within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87; as well as Shawnee Township Resolution #60-18, and ORC 1.08; and,
- **SECTION 2.** The Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby directs that notice of this action be given to owners of said property, and lien holders in the manner required by Ohio Revised Code 505.87; and,
- **SECTION 3.** The Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby orders the owners of said property to remove and abate the nuisances within seven-(7) days after notice of this order is given to the owners and lienholders of record; and within four-(4) days after notice of this order is given to owners and lienholders of record for the properties previously determined to be a nuisance as follows:
 - a. Remove any and all objects on the property as listed in the attached violation that constitute a public nuisance.
- **SECTION 4.** If said nuisances are not removed and abated by the said owners, or if no agreement for removal and abatement is reached between the Township and the owners and lien holders of record within four or seven days respectfully after said notice is given, Shawnee Township employees shall enter on the property; remove any and all objects on the property which are in violation of the Shawnee Township Zoning Resolution, the Shawnee Township Exterior Maintenance Code, and the Ohio Revised Code sections that apply, that constitute a public nuisance, and are that are listed as attached, and;

- **SECTION 5.** The Board of Trustees hereby gives notice to the owner(s) of record that the township's removal of said violations will occur on/after July 20, 2026, and the owner(s) of record may enter into an agreement with the board to perform the removal of said violations that constitute a public nuisance prior to this date.
- **SECTION 6.** That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure pursuant to Section 504.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, or welfare of Shawnee Township, in order to control the violations and public nuisances listed.
- **SECTION 7.** That this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken and open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion failed to pass 0-3

Roll Call: Mr. Gross, No Mr. Recker, No Mr. Neff, No

RESOLUTION 111-26

Acceptance of Budget for 2027

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the 2027 Budget 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 112-26

Contract with Limbert Sabol Law LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the attached contract with Limbert Sabol Law LLC.

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. Report Submitted- BC Hasenstaub
2. New Medic
3. Received donation from Eagles for Sparky the Fire Dog

Police

1. Report Submitted
2. New hire transition almost complete
3. Scam going around. Working on a presentation about scams.

Dispatch

1. New full-time Dispatcher
2. New voice recorder

Roads

1. Report Submitted
2. Ditch mowing

Zoning

1. Report Submitted

Cemetery

1. Report Submitted
2. Mowing and Trimming
3. Grant for Cemetery
4. Well is dry. Going to get City water
5. Memorial thanks

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:

- Custom Audio Concepts – meeting room new system
- July 4th celebration - STEP committee thanks

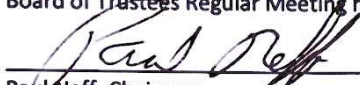
Trustee Gross motioned to recess the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss the discipline of a public employee with no business upon return. Trustee Recker seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. 7:40 p.m.

8:05 p.m. Trustee Gross made a motion to reconvene the Regular meeting of the Board. Trustee Recker seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

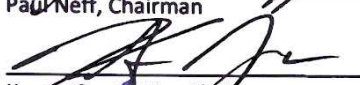
Adjournment

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.

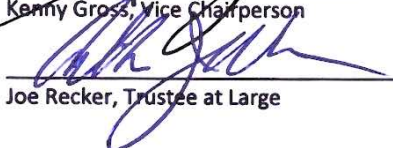
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Paul Neff, Chairman



Kenny Gross, Vice Chairperson



Joe Recker, Trustee at Large

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