

**SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
July 27, 2026**

On July 27, 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.

- Trustee Gross made a motion to accept the July 13, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

- One-year audit coming

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

- Zoning
- Streaming meetings research
- Attorney working on getting records for Dalton Smith

PRESENTATION: Megan from LACRPC regarding upcoming Transportation Plans for the next 4 years. Entities should review and submit plans that they would like considered. They will review the potential for funding of projects. Colleen at LACRPC will assist entities. Projects should be submitted by late September. Projects are a 20% match. Trustee Neff asked if it would be an acceptable submission for consideration that fire equipment could change traffic lights.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- No privilege requested

TRUSTEE BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 113-26

Renewal of Delta Dental

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the renewal of the employee dental plan with Delta Dental 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 114-26

Renewal of OTARMA Liability Insurance

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the renewal of the Township liability insurance through OTARMA 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 115-26

Resignation of Full-time Dispatcher K. Schweizer

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of full-time dispatcher Kim Schweizer effective July 22, 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 116-26

FML – D. Hunsaker

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes full-time firefighter Dustin Hunsaker to begin Family Medical Leave on July 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 117-26

Donation of Unused Equipment to Perry Fire Department

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes the Shawnee Fire Department to donate obsolete and unused 6- 1 ¼ inch Akron Brass Nozzles to the Perry Fire Department in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 505.10, as the value is determined to be under the \$2,500.00 threshold, and Perry Fire Department has been determined to be an eligible nonprofit organization that is located in this state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3).

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 118-26

Appointment of Battalion Chief Mike Hasenstaub to the Position of Acting Chief of the Shawnee Township Fire Department

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees appoints Battalion Chief Mike Hasenstaub to the position of Acting Chief of the Shawnee Township Fire Department effective July 20, 2026; and

FURTHER, Mr. Hasenstaub shall assume all the powers and duties of the Chief's position.

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 119-26

Acceptance of Body Armor Grant

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the 2025/2026 Body Armor Grant for the Shawnee Township Police Department, made available through the Ohio Attorney General's Office, in the amount of \$1,342.50.

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 120-26

Engine 1 to Auction through Garage Technology

WHEREAS the Shawnee Township Fire Department is the owner of a 2010 Smeal Fire Engine hereinafter referred to as the "Engine 1"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees, after due consideration and upon the recommendation of the Acting Fire Chief, hereby finds that the Fire Engine is no longer needed for public use, is obsolete, and is unfit for the use for which it was originally acquired; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10(A)(1), when the Board of Township Trustees determines that personal property is obsolete, unfit for use, or no longer needed for public use, and the estimated fair market value of such property exceeds Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), the property may be sold at public auction to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Board, the fair market value of the Fire Engine exceeds \$2,500.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. FINDING OF OBSOLESCENCE

The Board officially finds and declares that the 2010 Smeal Fire Engine (VIN: 4S7CU2D96AC072423) is obsolete, unfit for its intended purpose, and no longer needed for public use within Shawnee Township.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION OF SALE

The Board hereby authorizes the sale of said Fire Engine at public auction to the highest bidder pursuant to O.R.C. § 505.10(A)(1). The public auction shall be conducted via online public auction with Garage Technologies.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with O.R.C. § 505.10(A)(1), Garage Technologies hereby agrees to:

1. Publish notice via authorized electronic/digital means as provided under Ohio law.
2. The Township shall post a copy of the notice of the time, place, and manner of the sale in the office of the Board for at least ten (10) days prior to the sale.

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 121-26

Declaration of Nuisance 3610 South Dixie Hwy.

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio has received complaints and/or reports from the Township Zoning Inspector regarding the condition of the real property located at **3610 S. Dixie Hwy.** Parcel No. 46-1412-02-012.000; and

WHEREAS, an inspection of the Property conducted on **May 28, 2026, and June 24, 2026**, revealed the accumulation and/or maintenance of uncontrolled growth of vegetation, high grass/weeds, garbage, refuse, junk, inoperable machinery, and other debris in violation of the following Articles of the Shawnee Township Zoning Resolution:

- 1) Notice of Shawnee Township Zoning Violation - Article XVII "SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS".
Section # 1701. "PARKING OF TRAILERS, BOATS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES".
- 2) Notice of Shawnee Township Zoning Violation - Article XVII "SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS".
Section # 1704. "USES NOT PERMITTED".
- 3) Notice of Shawnee Township Zoning Violation - Article XXV "EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE".
Section # 2521. "THE PROHIBITED STORAGE AND ACCUMULATION OF JUNK MATERIALS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY".
- 4) Notice of Shawnee Township Zoning Violation - Article XXV "EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"
Section # 2541 "UPKEEP OF VACANT STRUCTURES AND LAND"
- 5) Notice of Shawnee Township Zoning Violation - Article XXV "EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"
Section # 2544 "ACCUMULATION OF JUNK, JUNK PARTS, INOPERABLE MACHINERY, DISCARDED OBJECTS, AND DEBRIS PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to **Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87**, a Board of Township 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 that the owner's maintenance of such constitutes a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, based upon the evidence and reports presented, the Board finds and determines that the condition of the Property constitutes a public nuisance within the meaning of O.R.C. § 505.87 and poses a threat to the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Nuisance

The Board hereby specifically finds and determines that the maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse, debris, and the above-listed violations on the Property located at **3610 S. Dixie Hwy.** Parcel No #46-1412-02-012.000 constitutes a public nuisance under Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87.

SECTION 2. Order to Abate

The owner(s) of record, **Harold Jordan and Nichole Schneider**, and any holders of liens of record are hereby ordered to abate, control, or remove the nuisance conditions from the Property within **seven (7) calendar days** after notice of this order is given in accordance with O.R.C. § 505.87(B).

SECTION 3. Notice

The Shawnee Township Zoning Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to serve written notice of this Resolution upon the property owner(s) and any holders of liens of record by **Certified Mail**. If certified mail service is returned or cannot be perfected, notice shall be provided by any alternative method authorized under O.R.C. § 505.87 (including posting on the principal structure, website posting, or publication).

SECTION 4. Township Abatement Authority & Cost Recovery

If the nuisance is not abated, controlled, or removed by the owner or lienholder within **seven (7) days** after notice is given, the Board shall provide for its abatement, control, or removal using Township personnel, equipment, or independent contractors. Pursuant to O.R.C. § 505.87(F), all expenses incurred by the Township in performing this work shall be reported to the County Auditor to be entered upon the tax duplicate as a lien upon the land to be collected as other taxes.

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 11 – about finished
3. Lexipol is going well
4. New Turnout gear next month
5. Advertising for Hiring and will start interviews soon

Police

1. Report Submitted
2. Selective enforcement started in certain areas
3. Overtime has been reduced
4. National Night Out
5. Traffic accident death investigation resulted in convictions of other parties

Dispatch

1. National Night Out, Aug 4th, 5 -8 p.m.
2. Updating procedures with Fire Dept.

Roads

1. Report Submitted
2. Locking the gate on the weekends
3. Putting Cameras up to reduce contractor dumping
4. Fog Seal
5. Grant from ODOT for signage

Zoning

1. Report Submitted
2. Public nuisances title searches and public notices

Cemetery

1. Report Submitted
2. Water district meeting- Variance for Fees

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:

- Calls regarding the County tar and chip project
- Wyandot Heights complaints resolved
- Thanks to EMS for personal transport

Trustee Gross motioned to recess the regular meeting to go into executive session to consider the discipline of a public employee with no business upon return. Trustee Recker seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

A resident interrupted the order to ask questions about the situation regarding Chief Miller. Also requested that the Board speak directly to the audience so the audience can hear and understand the meeting and asked whether the Township had anything to do with the school. Thank you to the police department. Janice Lochard – Statesman Pkwy.

Again, Trustee Gross motioned to recess the regular meeting to go into executive session to consider the discipline of a public employee with no business upon return. Trustee Recker seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

8:15 p.m. Trustee Gross made a motion to reconvene the Regular meeting of the Board. Trustee Recker seconded the motion.

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

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.

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held July 27, 2026


Paul Neff, Chairman


Kenny Gross, Vice Chairperson


Joe Recker, Trustee at Large

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