

**SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2026**

On August 24, 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 August 10, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Recker seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL OFFICER:

- Nothing to report
- Working though the audit

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:

- Nothing to report

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

DEPARTMENTS:

Fire

1. Report Submitted- BC Hasenstaub
2. Hiring of new employees
3. Training
4. Recalls are completed on medics
5. County fair schedules

Police

1. Report Submitted
2. Part-time officer potential
3. Suspect of area thefts arrested last night
4. Ohio Collaborative
5. Shawnee schools - travel plan and safe routes to school

Dispatch

1. Nothing to report
2. Trustee Recker commended Dispatch for focus

Roads

1. Report Submitted
2. Drainage issues on Riverview Drive – County bringing cameras to locate the problem
3. Salt - \$92.40 per ton. Increase of \$25.00 per ton – County will have to take care of county roads due to cost

Zoning

1. Report Submitted
2. Signs in road right-of-way

Cemetery

1. Report Submitted
2. Water project information
3. Tree fell on fence
4. 9-11 National Day of Caring
5. Still adding to memorial

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:

- Water District denied request to reduce fees for Cemetery
- Hume Road public meeting for sewer project will be held at the Township

TRUSTEE BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 128-26

Acceptance Of MOU – Dispatch/OLC

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees and the Ohio Labor Council Inc. (Dispatch/OLC) for the increase in Life Insurance for members 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 129-26

Acceptance Of MOU – Police/FOP

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees and the Fraternal Order of Police (Police/FOP) for the increase in Life Insurance for members, 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 130-26

Acceptance Of MOU – Fire/IAFF #2550

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees accepts the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees and IAFF #2550 (Fire/IAFF) for the increase in Life Insurance for members 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

Attorney Dan Sabol gave a presentation and update on the Austin Miller case and the investigation. Mr. Sabol reviewed the charges against Austin Miller.

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| Charge 1. | Change to an exit interview - Falsifying public records, potentially a criminal violation, misconduct in office, and/or malfeasance |
| Charge 2. | Money collected for purchases and purchases not paid for - Gross neglect of duties |
| Charge 3. | Unauthorized pre-employment physical - Failure of performance improvement plan, misconduct in office, and/or misfeasance |
| Charge 4. | Unauthorized programs installed on Township property - Failure of performance improvement plan, Violation of policy and procedures, misconduct in office, and/or malfeasance |
| Charge 5. | Failure to successfully complete Performance Improvement Plan - Failure of performance improvement plan, or misconduct in office, and/or misfeasance |

Mr. Sabol recommends Mr. Miller be placed on unpaid suspension due to serious misconduct. A hearing will take place on September 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION 131-26

Unpaid Leave

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees places Chief Austin Miller on unpaid leave effective immediately.

Trustee Gross motioned for approval, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0

Roll Call:

Mr. Gross, Yes

Mr. Recker, Yes

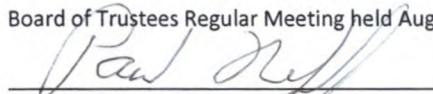
Mr. Neff, Yes

Mr. Neff read the notice of suspension

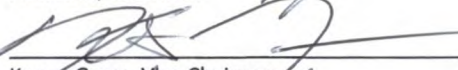
Adjournment

With no further business to be brought before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Gross moved for adjournment, Trustee Recker seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held August 24, 2026



Paul Neff, Chairman



Kenny Gross, Vice Chairperson



Joe Recker, Trustee at Large

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