



Call to Order: Supervisor Moreau called the January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board to order at 7:30 pm at the Springfield Township Civic Center with members of the public onsite in the Conference Room and remotely via phone/video conference.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Laura Moreau	Township Supervisor
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Sean Miller	Township Clerk
Jason Pliska	Township Trustee
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Denny Vallad	Township Trustee
Bill Whitley	Township Trustee

Board Members Not Present

Others Present

Greg Need	Township Attorney
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Agenda Additions & Changes:

Board proceeded with presented agenda.

Public Comment:

Trustee Hopper wants to remind everyone there is a Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2023. There will be a presentation from Giffels Webster with the results of the studies completed in preparation for the Master Plan. They would love to have public input at that meeting.

Consent Agenda:

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Trustee Hopper moved to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Trustee Whitley supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Dubre, Hopper, Miller, Moreau, Pliska, Vallad and Whitley; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.



- a) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 8, 2022
- b) Receive December 2022 Monthly Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Fire, Police, Comp Time, IT and Natural Resources
- c) Authorize payment of bills; December Additional Disbursements totaling \$367,793.49 and January 2023 Bills List totaling \$76,898.61
- d) Appoint Ann Mauro-Vetter to serve as a Board of Review Member with a term ending December 31st 2024
- e) Approve budget of up to \$1,850.00 each for Board Members, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and Supervisor's Assistant attendance at 2023 MTA Conference on April 17th-20th
- f) Authorize the Facilities Manager to renew the Support Service Agreement with MCMI for the Civic Center HVAC Controls at a cost of \$5,750.00 for 2023
- g) Authorize the Facilities Manager to renew the planned Maintenance Agreement with MMV for the Civic Center HVAC roof top units at a cost of \$23,000.00 for November 2022 to October 2024
- h) Authorize the Nature Resources Manager to contract for Prescribed Burn Services in Springfield Township with the following contractors at costs not to exceed: David Borneman, LLC not to exceed \$11,000.00; Kanouse Outdoor Restoration not to exceed \$8,100.00; Plantwise LLC not to exceed \$7,600.00
- i) Authorize the Natural Resources Manager to attend Michigan Prescribed Fire Council workshop and annual meeting, with registration, Mileage, Overnight Lodging, and meals not to exceed \$600.00
- j) Approve Resolution 2023-01 Performance Resolution for Municipalities that is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purposes of issuing to a Municipality an "Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way"
- k) **Receive Communications:**
 - IRS Increase of Mileage Rates for Business Travel for 2023 from 62.5 cents per mile to 65.5 cents per mile

Old Business:

- 1. Fire Department ALS Transition
 - a) Fire Chief Update

Chief Feichtner indicated the data that has been collected for ALS has stayed close to what was promised with the millage. The call volume has increased by 16% and both stations 1 and 2 have been running 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The new hires for the department have started

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working as of January 1, 2023. Station 1 has been able to run as an ALS truck 80% of the time. Chief Feichtner stated that the amount of time from when a call is received until the crew is enroute is down to about a minute and a half, travel time to the scene is down to less than 5 minutes, and time spent on scene has decreased from more than 30 minutes to approximately 20 minutes. He indicated that the 20 minutes includes initial patient care, initial treatments, initial assessment, and transporting. Additionally, there were two CPR saves in 2022. The fire department is in the process of ordering equipment to make Medic 3 a backup ALS unit. The medic should be fully equipped by April 2023. The department is not due to receive replacements for the two ambulances for another 2 years, however the wait time is currently 32 months from time of order until the department could get a new ambulance. In March, Captain Hart will most likely appear before the Board to make a proposal for approving the ambulance purchase. The department currently has 5 individuals in paramedic class. The billing numbers continue to be on plan with the average per call. Lastly, Chief Feichtner noted that out of the 1,392 calls last year, 64% were medical, and of those medical calls, 77% were Advanced Life Support.

Trustee Whitley asked, in light of the supply chain issues, what the fire department does for replacements if any of the equipment breaks?

Chief Feichtner indicated they can get loaners from the vendors they work with, or they can borrow items from neighboring departments.

Trustee Whitley stated he likes the plan of getting ahead on ordering the new ambulances since the wait time is so long. He believes they need to stay on top of it.

Supervisor Moreau thanked Chief Feichtner for his presentation and thanked the department for all their hard work.

b) Fire Station 1 Renovation – Authorize going out for Bids

Supervisor Moreau stated the Facilities and Equipment Committee met at Station 1 and 2 on September 30, 2022 and did a tour of the facility. Plans have been provided for review for both stations in the board packet. Supervisor Moreau stated they are ready to go out for bid, however they need to address the lighting. On the side of the building at Station 1 where the parking is, there is no lighting along the walkway. They have discussed adding some soffit lights between the windows.

All Board Members concur with adding additional lighting to the plan.

Supervisor Moreau indicated that with the Board's consent, they will get ready for bid specs. They want to get Station 1 completed first since it's more straightforward and there are currently no overnight accommodations.

Trustee Hopper moved to authorize the Supervisor to authorize for bids for the sleeping quarter renovation for Station 1 when they are completed and ready for bid specs. Supported by Clerk Miller. Vote on the motion. Yes: Dubre, Hopper, Miller, Moreau, Pliska, Vallad and Whitley; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.



c) Fire Station 2 Renovation – Review Concept Plan

Supervisor Moreau stated there is a second level at Station 2, however it is not practical because you have to travel up three flights of stairs and there is no plumbing on the second floor. The plans were revisited, and it was proposed that two bunk rooms will be created in the existing radio room. Offices would then be built off the corridor. This would require the corridor to be extended and the vestibule area would then be made smaller. The other proposal is to expand the men's bathroom and locker room space. The department currently has 8 females and 36 males on staff. The men's restroom/locker room space is only slightly larger than the female's locker room. Station 2 is the main station where training and gatherings take place. It is proposed to add a shower stall, toilet stall, additional sink, and more lockers. Lastly, they would like to create a locked IT closet and a dedicated locked closet for medical supplies.

Trustee Hopper stated that the windows in Station 2 need to be replaced.

Supervisor Moreau indicated there would be 4 windows replaced in the dayroom area. Supervisor Moreau stated that the committee, along with the architect, have explored every alternative for the renovation. The budget for both renovations is \$250,000.00.

Clerk Miller indicated he likes the idea of having the bunks on the first floor closer to the apparatus bay. He believes it makes much more sense to have everything close together because every second counts when there is an emergency.

Treasurer Dubre believes the layout looks a lot better.

Trustee Pliska stated he feels it's a well thought out plan with a good flow. He believes the extension is necessary.

Trustee Hopper added that they looked at multiple plans and this is the best layout. He likes the layout of the bathroom. He also stated that they were not even asking for a report writing room, so that's a bonus.

Clerk Miller noted that currently they are writing reports in the dayroom.

Supervisor Moreau stated she also likes the idea of the recruiting and retention coordinator having office space. The committee was comprised of herself, Captain Hart, Captain Strickland, Jason Kelley, Chief Feichtner, Trustee Hopper, and the Facilities Manager. She stated that everyone was very helpful. They will move forward and come back to the board with further information.



New Business:

1. Set Spring Clean Up Date for 2023

Treasurer Dubre provided a memo to the Board stating the date for Spring Clean Up is May 13, 2023. Oakland County is holding that date for the Township until they get a signed agreement returned to them. She wants to discuss the issue of cost and the possibility of not charging residents in the future. In 2021 and 2022, there was no charge to the residents. The amounts charged previously ranged from \$1.00 to \$15.00 depending on the vehicle. The last time the Township charged for Spring Clean Up, they only collected \$919.00. Unfortunately, the Township will not be receiving the Tire Grant this year. Disposal of tires is the costliest, however she wants to continue to provide that service at clean up since they collect a lot of them. Treasurer Dubre wants the Board's opinion on charging the residents for Clean Up. She is favor of not charging the residents.

Trustee Hopper stated he is unable to be at Spring Clean Up this year.

Supervisor Moreau asked if we will still require proof of residency?

Treasurer Dubre stated that proof of residency will still need to be provided. They include a list of what materials are accepted.

Trustee Pliska asked about the fee for tires. He asked if it was a fixed amount for the trailer regardless of how many tires were collected?

Treasurer Dubre indicated it is a fixed fee for the use of the trailer.

Trustee Pliska stated he is in favor of not collecting fees. He doesn't believe that the amount collected is significant enough to put the burden on the residents. He stated that it could be revisited in the future regarding tires if the cost increases.

Treasurer Dubre stated it was disheartening that they didn't receive the Tire Grant to help offset the cost.

Supervisor Moreau agrees with Trustee Pliska. She would consider charging for tires, however if they do, the fear is that they will dispose of tires elsewhere within the Township and that could cause problems. She suggested that they keep statistics on the number of individuals bringing tires.

Trustee Vallad voiced concern about how many tires are commercial.

Treasurer Dubre indicated there are commercial tires being stored on residential property and that's part of the problem.

Supervisor Moreau agrees with Trustee Vallad. She stated they can keep statistics regarding how many tires are brought to the Clean Up by an individual.

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Trustee Hopper suggested putting a limit on the number of tires a resident can bring.

Treasurer Dubre wants to keep track of how many visits are made to Clean Up, even if it's a repeat customer.

Trustee Whitley agrees with not charging the residents. He believes that if people don't take advantage of the Clean Up, they will start leaving it on the side of the roads. The revenue that's realized is less than nominal.

Trustee Pliska moved to set the Spring Clean Up date for May 13, 2023, from 8 am to 12 pm. Authorize Supervisor Moreau to sign all contracts with the following participating vendors: Oakland County Facility Rental, Community Disposal, Rapid Shred, Scrap Dog Recycling and Environmental Rubber. Waive fees typically collected for the 2023 event. Supported by Trustee Whitley. Vote on the motion. Yes: Dubre, Hopper, Miller, Moreau, Pliska, Vallad and Whitley; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Adjournment:

Hearing no other business, Supervisor Moreau adjourned the Board meeting at 8:18 pm.

Laura Moreau, Supervisor

Sean R. Miller, Clerk