

Springfield Charter Township, Michigan
May 13, 2026

Dear Clerk Miller,

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., I am requesting copies of public records prepared, owned, used, possessed, or retained by Springfield Township relating to Supervisor Ric/Richard Davis announcing an immediate leave of absence for approximately 4–8 weeks.

Specifically, please provide:

1. Any email, letter, memo, notice, text message, or other written communication sent by Supervisor Ric/Richard Davis to the Township Board, any individual Board member, or Township staff between May 7, 2026 and May 12, 2026 announcing, describing, or referencing his immediate leave of absence for approximately 4–8 weeks.
2. Any attachments included with that communication.

Please provide the records electronically by email if possible. If any portion of a record is exempt, please redact only the exempt portion and provide the remainder, identifying the statutory basis for each redaction or withholding.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kara Okonewski

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Subject: RE: FOIA Request 5/13/2026
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 4:38:40 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Clerk's Office <clerk@springfield-twp.us>
To: Kara Okonewski <kara@okoenv.com>
Attachments: image002.png, image003.png, R. Davis Leave of Absence 5-11-26.pdf

Dear Ms. Okonewski:

This email is response to your Freedom of Information request received by my office on May 13, 2026. Your request is granted as to existing, non-exempt records in the possession of Springfield Township that fall within the scope of your request. Attached, please find the requested email from Ric Davis to the Township Board dated May 11, 2026 announcing his leave of absence. Please note, no information has been redacted from said email and there were attachments. Please let me know if you have any questions.

FOIA POLICY: The Springfield Township Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Guidelines and a Public Summary of the policy is available on the Springfield Township website at www.Springfield-twp.us.

Notice of requestor's right to seek judicial review: You are entitled under Section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act to commence an action in the Circuit Court to compel disclosure of the requested records if you believe they were wrongfully withheld from disclosure. If you are successful in asserting the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record or a portion thereof, the court will award reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements. If you prevail in part of your action, the court may, in its discretion, award reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements or an appropriate portion thereof.

Very truly yours,
Sean R. Miller, Esq., MiPMC
Township Clerk/FOIA Coordinator



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From: Kara Okonewski <kara@okoenv.com>

Sean Miller

From: Ric Davis
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 4:17 PM
To: Township Board
Subject: Leave of Absence

Dear Members of the Springfield Charter Township Board,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that, **effective immediately**, I will be taking a leave of absence from my regular in-person duties as Township Supervisor for **urgent and serious personal reasons**. At this time, I anticipate this leave will last approximately **4 weeks, but it may need to be extended up to 8 weeks**. I will keep you advised if that becomes necessary.

During this period, I will not be able to attend Township Board meetings, committee meetings, or other public meetings. However, I will remain available by email and will continue to handle matters that can be addressed remotely, including responding to emails, providing necessary directives or guidance to department heads, and reviewing and signing documents as needed.

My assistant may coordinate delivery of documents requiring my signature and bring them to me for review and execution.

I will make every effort to ensure continuity of township operations during this time and will remain accessible for important matters requiring my attention. I respectfully ask that routine communications and documents be directed through my office to Danielle so they can be handled in an orderly and timely manner.

I appreciate the Board's understanding and support during this temporary leave. I will keep the Board informed of any changes to the expected timeline and will provide notice when I am able to resume my regular meeting schedule and in-person duties. More to follow.

Respectfully,

Ric Davis
Township Supervisor
Springfield Charter Township, Michigan



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Richard Davis, Supervisor

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