

Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

March 21, 2019

Chairperson of the Board, Shawn P. Valentine, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Trustee Teresa M. Bettinger	present
Trustee Shawn P. Valentine	present
Trustee Michael B. Hood	absent

Fiscal Officer, Dawn E. McDonald was absent.

Pledge to the Flag

Maintenance

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the vacant maintenance position at 7:06pm. Mr. Devin Barnaby and Mr. Tim Bowes were invited into executive session, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

At 7:16pm, Trustee Bettinger made a motion to come out of executive session, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine explained the need for a maintenance employee. Trustee Valentine, Anthony Bettinger and Chris Ruhl have been covering the Township maintenance needs all winter on a voluntary basis he explained.

Trustee Bettinger made the motion to hire Tim Bowes at \$15.75/hour for the first 90 days and increase to \$19/hour after 90 days, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to hire Devin Barnaby if extra labor is needed for any project deemed necessary by the Township at \$15.75/hour for the first 90 days and \$19.00/hour after 90 days, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Mrs. Baum will distribute keys to both new employees.

Property Acquisition

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to go into executive session at 7:19pm to discuss property acquisition, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:28pm, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine explained the blight reduction project the Township has been working on for the past 2 years. The Township would like to continue reducing blight in the Township.

Trustee Valentine explained properties at the corner of Angola and Irwin Roads have become available for very low prices. These properties are blighted and there are already utilities such as natural gas and city water running underground.

There is a property at 9725 Oak Bend that is available and it is blighted. It was explained the Township could make an investment for possible future development.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to purchase the property at 9725 Oak Bend Holland, Ohio for \$36,000 and closing costs, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine requested a fund for community improvements be established. This fund would exist for the demolition or purchase of properties that may become available. Trustee Bettinger made the motion to create the fund and to set the fund at \$80,000, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

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Dawn E. McDonald
Fiscal Officer

X

Shawn P. Valentine
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

X

Michael B. Hood
Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

X

Teresa M. Bettinger
Trustee