

SPENCER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING JULY 7, 2016

Call to Order

Chairman of the Board, Michael B. Hood called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Pledge to the Flag

Minutes

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Financials

Payments	\$78,727.56
Receipts	\$367,856.32

Fund Balances

General	\$1,350,572.79
Motor Veh.	\$14,640.52
Gas Tax	\$51,754.41
Fire	\$49,002.83
Perm. Mot. Veh.	<u>\$10,627.64</u>
	\$1,476,598.19

Trustee Bettinger made the motion to accept the financials, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Pay the Bills

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to pay the bills for the month, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Zoning Report

Report presented

BZA Report

No Report

Road Report

Proposals need to be presented for Harriett, Berkey and Schwamberger (between Bancroft and Frankfort) roads for resurfacing in 2018. The Fiscal Officer will send a letter to the County Engineer's Office.

The Road Superintendent requested a new piece of equipment to allow mowing of the ditches. The equipment is an attachment for the existing mower. The Board agreed on the purchase.

Land Use

Mr. Morgan, Land Use Chairman, explained a planned meeting on June 28, 2016 was cancelled. There is another meeting set up for July 20, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Township Hall. The group will meet with Mr. Gibbons of Lucas County Trustee Bettinger explained.

Mr. Morgan expressed his loss of enthusiasm due to the postponement he feels is going on.

Trustee Bettinger explained the background of the land use project and possible branding.

Mr. Morgan explained the displeasure of some of the citizens with the Springfield Township negotiations that occurred. Mr. Morgan presented 216 signatures from citizens of Spencer Township expressing their displeasure.

Trustee Hood expressed his concern that the work of the Land Use Committee is going to be a waste of Township resources. Action needs to be made on their work.

Resident, Veronica Morgan, asked since Lucas County is giving the assessment, if they can't give us what we want it will be a waste of funds.

Fire

Carl Arnold, a citizen presenting facts informed the Board of the number of runs ran over the past month.

Trustee Bettinger asked Mr. Arnold how much longer he needed to complete wrapping up the fire station business. Mr. Arnold wanted to go into executive session. Trustee Bettinger did not want to go into executive session.

Trustee Bettinger recommended the Spencer Township records be kept at the Fire Station. It was explained some had already been moved due to the sensitive nature and HIPPA laws.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to allow Carl Arnold to stay on for 1 more week to finish fire station business. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Trustee Bettinger stated the fire contract has been signed with Springfield Township and we need to move on.

Trustee Hood asked Carl Arnold what he wanted to discuss in executive session. Mr. Arnold responded it was about a consultant for the Township.

Trustee Hood asked Mr. Arnold where the Township stands with the FEMA grants the Township may have been awarded. Mr. Arnold explained the status is unknown.

Trustee Bettinger spoke with a representative of the grant provider, Maggie Wilson, and the grant was never approved. The grant was for a 3rd person on staff she explained. The grant was for \$460,000 over 2 years. Once personnel were hired the Township would be reimbursed and the grant was not renewable.

JEDZ

The Fiscal Officer gave the JEDZ receipts of \$353,000 for quarter 1 of 2016.

TARTA

Jacky Dale, TARTA rep explained she has not gone to the meetings because she does not have a vote on the TARTA Board.

Mrs. Dale also asked about the cheaper transportation Trustee Bettinger spoke about in January. Trustee Bettinger has not looked into transportation at this time.

Resident, Carol Shull, stated come 12/31/16, the community will be without transportation. She asked that the Trustees please look into other options of transportation for the community.

Correspondence

Correspondence from the Lucas County Engineers office was presented for signing of the grant agreement for road work in 2017.

The Fiscal Officer asked if the Township should continue to fund fire memberships in lieu of the department transferring services to Springfield. It was decided not to renew the memberships.

The bill for 80% payment of work on Eber was presented, the amount is: \$373,863.40.

Old Business

Trustee Bettinger explained the Brownfield assistance grant was not in the best interest of the Township to sign.

New Business

Trustee Bettinger explained the Township's IT person is quitting as of October 2016. The Township needs to look for an alternative provider.

Open to the Public

Cate Roth, resident, she asked about the transparency of the JEDZ funds. Is there a committee to oversee the funds? Where do the dollars go? It was explained all Township expenditures are listed every month in the reports.

Carl Arnold, resident of Ida, Michigan and former fire chief of Spencer Township, asked why the Township will spend dollars for Springfield and not for Spencer Township.

Chris Rhuel, resident, asked if the Board has adopted meeting rules such as Roberts's rules of order. Trustee Hood explained Roberts Rules of order is followed, but not 100%. Trustee Hood referred him to the Ohio Revised Code.

Jack Gulvas, resident, explained the EPA had been digging on Old State Line Road. He assumed it was contamination. The Township has not heard from the EPA Board answered.

Carol Shull, resident, requested prior notice is given to the public when there are issues that impact the community. She also asked is there anything else "close to the vest" going on?

Jacky Dale, resident, asked if a scholarship fund has been set up from the JEDZ funds.

Diane Randles, resident, asked if any of the firefighters had been offered a position with Springfield. Trustee Bettinger answered only 2 former Spencer firefighters had applied to Springfield.

Veronica Morgan, resident, asked if Spencer Township Trustees tried to do anything to ensure the former employees of the Spencer Fire Department received employment elsewhere. The Board answered no.

Pastor Jerry Boose, 2nd Baptist Church, asked if there has been training in relation to the response times and the geography of the Township. Has Chief Cousino researched the layout of the Township? Trustee Bettinger answered yes it was considered.

Anthony Kazmierzak, resident, asked who would get the dollars from the Springfield and Harding fire contracts. It was explained the money would go to Springfield Township.

Trustee Bettinger spoke on the article placed in the Blade on June 25, 2016. She wanted to express there were inaccuracies in the article. She said she never met with Barry Cousino prior to April 20, 2016.

Rena Lancaster, resident, asked Trustee Bettinger why she got rid of the Spencer Township Fire Department. Trustee Bettinger explained it was because of the cost. The budget was increasing every year.

Carol Shull asked why the Fire Chief was not allowed to lower the fire budget. Trustee Bettinger explained it was not financially possible.

Carol Shull said a fire department would draw development into the Township.

Jacky Dale asked Trustee Bettinger how she could decide so quickly about the fire department transfer of services since she tables all other issues such as land use issues.

Carol Shull asked if Chief Arnold was ever told the Fire department was in jeopardy of being shut down. Trustee Bettinger said she did not explain that to him.

Trustee Hood stated he does not agree with the decisions made. Trustee Hood stated Trustee Valentine should be the one answering the questions. Trustee Hood explained a fire department is a service, not a moneymaking department. He also explained there were negotiations with Swanton Township to get their fire levies for a joint venture. He stated he does not believe the reason for closing the fire department was financial.

Ms. Orner, Springfield Township, stated for the record that Chief Cousino and Shawn Valentine have been working on this for 2 years, its public record.

Jack Gulvas explained public input should have been asked.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to go into executive session with the Township attorney, David Smith, to discuss pending litigation, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:45pm, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Trustee Hood explained the Board met with the legal counsel.

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

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Dawn E. McDonald
Fiscal Officer

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Michael B. Hood
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Teresa M. Bettinger
Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees