

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

## April 7, 2016

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

### Roll Call

<b>Trustee Michael B. Hood</b>	<b>present</b>
<b>Trustee Teresa M. Bettinger</b>	<b>present</b>
<b>Trustee Shawn P. Valentine</b>	<b>military leave</b>

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Special

Legal Counsel, Sheilah McAdams, presented a resolution to receive proceeds from policies of fire insurance to pay for the clean-up of fire damage structures, which become a nuisance in the Township of Spencer. Trustee Bettinger made the motion to accept this resolution, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

She also presented 2 resolutions for 2 properties in the Township that need to be demolished due to neglect of the owner. The properties are at: 856 Bemis Lane and 9218 Angola Road.

### Minutes

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

### Financials

<b>Payments</b>	<b>\$67,461.70</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$391,218.45</b>

### Fund Balances

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,089,202.40</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>\$ 13,617.83</b>

<b>Gas Tax</b>	<b>\$ 41,984.40</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$ 49,084.10</b>
<b>Permissive Motor</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,627.64</u></b>
	<b>\$1,204,516.37</b>

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

**Pay Bills**

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

**Zoning Report**

Zoning Inspector, Dean Croskey, gave the zoning report.

6 Zoning permits were issued for the month. 8 violations were issued for the month. Notice was put in the paper for the demo of the old Spud's property. 2 additional bids were received. Mr. Croskey reviewed the bids. Klumm Brothers were selected. Trustee Bettinger made the motion, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Property at 856 Bemis Lane has been declared a nuisance. This property was damaged by fire. The homeowner has not contacted the Township in regards to clean up. The Township will use an escrow check issued to the Township for the cleanup. The remainder will be reimbursed to the owner of the property.

Property at 9218 Angola Road has also been declared a nuisance. The owner will be notified of the declaration.

**Zoning Commission**

Zoning Commission Chairman, Jack Gulvas, gave the report. There was a meeting to discuss matters with the Zoning Inspector. The meeting was very productive.

**BZA**

Vice Chair, Jacky Dale reported no meeting. Request has been made for a reorganizational meeting.

**TARTA**

Ms. Dale did attend the TARTA Board meeting. Spencer does not have a seat on the Board because we are not members. She gave a report that will be attached to the minutes.

### **Road Report**

Road Superintendent, Dean Croskey, gave the report.

Plowing and salting occurred and prep for spring season. 6 tons of salt were used.

Fire Inspection on both buildings, some violations, all were corrected within the week. Cold patch filling has begun. 3 loads have been used so far.

Grass seed and weed killer were purchased for the year.

Brush clearing has begun throughout the Township. No through truck signs have been installed.

Requests for road lights have been submitted to Toledo Edison.

Electrical work is needed on the carport on the back of the maintenance building. Mr. Croskey submitted bids.

Mr. Croskey also submitted bids for tree work on Schwamberger Road by City Tree Service. There was discussion on the matter. The matter was tabled until more bids can be received.

### **Fire Report**

Fire Chief, Carl Arnold, gave the report.

	<b>Fire</b>	<b>EMS</b>
<b>Spencer</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Harding</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Swanton</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Mutual Aid</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Total Runs = 44**

Ken Thomas has resigned from the department after 11 years. He is moving out of state.

Minimum training standards for the Township are being requested. These standards are to meet the level of firefighter 1 as outlined in ORC 505.38 (1).

Currently the volunteers that man the station may not meet the necessary standards.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to meet this standard, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Chief Arnold requested duty uniforms at a cost of \$300/employee. The cost for the Township would be \$5,100. After discussion, Trustee Bettinger made the motion for the purchase, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

The Fire Department had the opportunity to participate in the celebration honoring Mattie Taylor for her years of service in the Community.

Ray Croskey was celebrated for his 25 years of service!!!

## **JEDZ**

Trustee Hood reported no meeting for the month.

## **Correspondence**

The Fiscal Officer gave the correspondence report.

Trustee Bettinger reported Harriet, Berkey and Schwamberger Roads are all in need of repair. A request from the Board of Trustees needs to be submitted to the County Engineer for 2018.

Resident inquired on if there would be an unlimited pickup any time soon. Trustee Bettinger feels we need to have unlimited pickup twice per year, Trustee Hood is in agreement. Trustee Bettinger made the motion for pick up 2 times a year, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Lucas County Engineer issued Township mileage certification, which is: 9.85 miles.

Financial Resolution was signed for the Bemis/Bancroft, Oak Terrace Road project. Trustee Bettinger made the motion, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

## **Old Business**

Trustee Bettinger questioned if the tree work for Schwamberger road should go in the newspaper. Mr. Dean Croskey offered to work with resident and business owner, Mr. Dean Anderson on this project with the wording of the ad.

Curt Lancaster, resident, gave his opinion that we need to get bids outside of the Township. He also commended the Trustees on how nicely they were working together.

### **New Business**

Trustee Hood read a letter for project funding for Community Development Block Grant funding for slum and blighted housing. Trustee Hood identified 15 houses that meet the criteria. After discussion and reading of the resolution, Trustee Bettinger made a motion to fill out an application for the grant, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

The Fiscal Officer will look into joining the Open Checkbook program through Josh Mandel's Office. Trustee Bettinger made the motion, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Trustee Bettinger brought up drug testing for Township employees including the elected officials.

Trustee Hood read correspondence from the Prosecutor's Office requesting Trustees Hood and Bettinger declare Shawn P. Valentine's seat is not vacant. Trustee Bettinger stated that this is in the hands of the Ohio Supreme Court and we will wait for their decision. Trustee Bettinger made it clear that putting it in the hands of the Ohio Supreme Court and letting them decide was Trustee Hood wishes in February of this year. She also stated she had previously asked Trustee Hood 3 times prior to rescind the declaration of a vacancy of Trustee Valentine's position through resolution in January of this year and the motion died.

### **Land Use**

LaTonya Boyd, land use committee, member gave a report.

Currently their board has received 4 Requests for Proposals for companies that want to market and help "rebrand" the Township.

The meetings for Land Use run the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00pm at the Township Hall.

### **Open to the Public**

Mrs. Anderson, resident, asked about the doors to be installed on the old Town Hall. Mr. Martin Scherzer has the doors and has been out of town over the winter.

Mrs. Dale once again thanked the fire department for all they have done in the community.

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

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Dawn E. McDonald

**X**

Michael B. Hood

**X**

Teresa M. Bettinger