

Spencer Township Trustee Meeting August 4, 2016

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	present

Pledge to the Flag

Trustee Valentine made a couple of statements. He wanted all to know, no comments can be made on any pending lawsuits.

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, Shawn Valentine: yes.

Financials

Payments	\$439,479.13
Receipts	\$20,098.17

Fund Balances

General	\$945,931.70
Motor Veh.	\$ 14,980.61
Gas Tax	\$ 54,945.04
Fire	\$ 30,320.55
Perm Mot Veh.	<u>\$ 10,627.64</u>
	\$1,056,805.54

Trustee Valentine made a motion to accept the financials, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Shawn Valentine: yes.

Pay the Bills

Trustee Valentine made a motion to pay the bills for the month, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Shawn Valentine: yes.

Zoning Report

Zoning Inspector, Dean Croskey, gave the report.

Permits were issued for new homes and several zoning violations.

He presented two letters from Scott and Teresa Delaney.

The Township has been to court over the “old Hoot” property. The defendant decided to go to trial. The defendant is Jeff Davis.

Mr. Croskey is asking to move the recycling bins to the fire station as people are dumping items that should not go in them at the Township Hall. Trustee Bettinger made a motion to move the recycling bins to the fire station, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Shawn Valentine: yes.

BZA Report

No meeting, one is scheduled for August 22, 2016.

Road Report

Report presented to the Board by the Road Superintendent, Dean Croskey.

The Eber Road project has begun Trustee Hood informed.

Land Use

Mr. Klumm, member of the Land Use Committee announced the land use committees recommended the Township go with Poggemeyer for the land use plan for around \$70,000. Trustee Valentine questioned the cost of \$70,000. Mr. Klumm informed him the plan included branding and marketing, it is a comprehensive plan; it was more than just a land use plan. Mr. Klumm explained if the JEDZ dollars are not used to economically develop, the dollars do not fulfill the purpose of the JEDZ passing.

Trustee Valentine informed him the Township did purchase the old SPUDS so that is economic development.

Mr. Klumm stated we are one of the only Township’s that does not have a land use plan such as this.

Trustee Valentine asked that he be able to look over the plan before a decision is made.

Trustee Hood thanked all involved on the Land Use Committee and the recommendation of the board has been recognized, and he thanked the Board for their research and time spent. They have completed their task.

Fire

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to transfer the title of ownership of the 2012 pumper and the 2008 ambulance to Springfield Township, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: abstain, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Shawn Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine informed the Board the ambulance has blown head gaskets and there are other issues with the fire engine. Trustee Valentine also made the motion that the Township pays for the repairs. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Shawn Valentine: yes.

There are other items that will be transferred to Springfield, but Trustee Valentine will wait until proper accounting of the transferred items.

JEDZ

No report

Correspondence

The Fiscal Officer presented the correspondence.

The Lucas County Engineers office presented a timetable for the new project funding application process for the District Integrating Committee.

The Holland Springfield Spencer Historical Society, which the Township belongs to, has decided to merge its museum with the Village of Holland. The Holland park system will now be in charge. The merger occurred due to lack of interest and increasing workload.

A former employee, John Myers, is suing the Township.

The Township has received a new printer from the Auditor of State and the old printer will be donated.

Old Business

Trustee Bettinger brought forth that the Township needs an IT person. The Board would like to advertise this in the Shoppers' Key.

New Business

The Fiscal Officer will get with Springfield Township to decide on a method of reimbursement for the utilities for the fire department.

Open to the Public

Mrs. Anderson, resident, asked about the doors on the old Town Hall, they are rotting off. The Township owns new doors, but we need to find someone to install them, Mr. Croskey informed.

Resident, Jacky Dale, asked if the Board will receive monthly reports from Springfield. She also wanted to know what is going to happen with the rest of the vehicles at the fire station. Trustee Valentine informed the Board would decide. The contract with Springfield is vague and she is looking for detail.

Trustee Valentine informed her the ambulance and pumper were the terms along with the turnout gear and radios as payment to Springfield.

Jacky Dale asked whom would Chief Cousino report to? Trustee Valentine said the Board would look into seeing if Springfield can send a representative to the meeting.

Trustee Valentine explained the benefits of the fire department contract with Springfield Township.

Mrs. Dale asked if the Township was still looking into opening a station on the western end of the Township. Trustee Valentine said Spencer Township is out of the fire and rescue business. He feels that Springfield is doing a good job so far, it has only been one month, time will tell.

Spencer will save \$3.5 million dollars over 10 years with this contract with Springfield Township Trustee Valentine explained, he also informed Mrs. Dale of the incentives the State offers when entities share services.

Trustee Hood stated he was for moving a fire department to the center of the community. Trustee Hood asked what about response time since the station is still on the Eastern end of the Township? Trustee Valentine explained the Township is saving money by partnering with Springfield response time has not been an issue.

Trustee Hood felt the Township could have looked at other scenarios that would have saved the Township money.

Dean Anderson, resident, asked if any monies received from the parks would go to Springfield or Spencer. Trustee Valentine said he feels the money should come to Spencer. There will be discussions regarding this matter. Mr. Anderson stated the residents of Springfield are not aware they lost a pumper truck at Station 2 in Springfield Township. Mr. Anderson felt this entire fire issue should have been discussed before this transfer of services was made.

Trustee Valentine said his opinion would not have changed even if there were a committee to discuss the transfer.

Trustee Hood commented more time should have been taken over this fire department transfer of services. He was never opposed to transferring the services.

Trustee Valentine said Trustee Hood's interest in building a station on the western end is what prompted him to look into the shared services with Springfield.

Marilyn Yoder commented on the secrecy of the negotiations with Springfield is what is at issue. Trustee Valentine told Marilyn Yoder she was aware of the contract. Mrs. Yoder said her residents are upset their station services moved. Trustee Valentine informed her the population in her Township is moving.

Trustee Valentine said he would recommend an educational mailing go out to the residents of Springfield Township from the Springfield fire department.

Mr. Gulvas asked if the tiling and ditch cleaning on Eber Road would be covered under storm water funding. Those dollars are exhausted for the Township he was informed by Trustee Hood.

James Crooks, former fire fighter of Spencer Township, expressed the integrity and quality of service Spencer Township provided in the past.

Mr. Goodwin, property owner in Spencer Township, asked how would the fire department handle potential growth for Spencer Township. Trustee Bettinger informed all of Lucas County is stagnant; there is no projected growth according to the Lucas County Planning Commission.

Jacky Dale asked if there was going to be a scholarship fund with the JEDZ dollars. Springfield Township has a grant it sponsors through its fire department volunteer group Mrs. Yoder explained. Trustee Valentine is not for taking Township dollars and allocating them toward someone else's education. Mrs. Dale's concern is what do we have to offer to entice people into the Township.

Kate Roth, resident, asked if a savings account was to be set up with the JEDZ dollars. Nothing has ever come of this Trustee Valentine explained.

Clynell Robinson, resident, asked if she could have a tiny house built on her property. Trustee Valentine informed her no according to Ohio Law. She also asked about a barn that people are living in. How is that legal she asked. Trustee Valentine will look into this matter. Trustee Hood informed her there has already been a violation issued for this.

Marilyn Yoder asked if Spencer Township has a contract with the Metro Parks. No was the answer.

Carol Shull, resident, asked how many court cases does the Township have pending? Trustee Hood answered 2 that he is aware of. She also informed all that Lucas County responds for life threatening rescue calls. She also stated this is the second time a land use issue has been tabled because of lack of information. Why wasn't the fire issue tabled? Trustee Hood agreed.

Mr. Delaney, resident, has a tiny house on his property. He asked if the Board received his proposal. The Township has received the information. There will be a meeting on August 22, 2016. Trustee Valentine stated the Commissioners of Lucas County are also looking into this matter.

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

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Shawn P. Valentine
Trustee