

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

## August 3, 2017

Shawn P. Valentine, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

### Roll Call

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

### Pledge to the Flag

### Minutes

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

### Financials

Payments	\$245,706.34
Receipts	\$ 19,162.93

### Fund Balances

General	\$1,648,313.73
Motor Veh.	\$16,476.43
Gas Tax	\$56,193.45
Fire	\$165,840.90
Perm. Motor	\$78,624.22
Misc. Spec. Rev.	<u>\$483.60</u>
	\$1,965,932.33

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

### Pay the Bills

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

### **Zoning Report**

Zoning Inspector, Eric Gay, submitted a report to the Board. It is attached to the permanent minutes.

A Zoning Commission meeting was held during the month to acquaint the Board to the new Zoning Inspector.

The Board approved payment to Mike Varanese for reimbursement from his insurance company for proper clean up after a fire. The check was \$6500.

Mr. Gay has to resolve an issue with a permit that was issued in error.

Trustee Valentine spoke on a meeting that Trustee Hood, Dean Croskey and Jim Bryan held with Mike Varanese in regards to moving a trailer in the Township that was against zoning rules. Trustee Valentine stated Mr. Varanese was given misleading information.

Trustee Valentine said he feels a carrot was dangled in front of Mr. Varanese's face and he will not tolerate liars (he was referring to Mr. Dean Croskey). Trustee Valentine feels Mr. Croskey needs to be reprimanded.

Trustee Hood said he was concerned about the misleading of Mr. Varanese trailer moving. He feels a letter needs to be sent to Mr. Varanese and some type of discipline needs to occur to Mr. Croskey.

Trustee Hood stated he was not in the office when promises were made to Mr. Varanese.

**As a correction to these minutes, in the September 7, 2017 meeting Trustee Hood admitted he was in the office during this entire discussion with Mr. Varanese.**

### **BZA Report**

No meeting

### **Road Report**

Road Superintendent, Dean Croskey presented a report to the Board.

An inspection report of semi-public sewage treatment system was received by the Lucas County Health Department. Risers under the mulch bed are not accessible.

The paving project on Bemis Lane and Oak Grove Estates is almost complete.

### **Fire**

Chief Cousino emailed a report of the fire and ems runs to the Board; it will be attached to the permanent minutes.

### **JEDZ**

No meeting

### **Correspondence**

-The Office of the Fiscal Officer has received a new computer per the contract with the Auditor of State. She is requesting to decommission the old computer and donate it to a needy cause or person in need. The matter was tabled. The Fiscal Officer will provide serial numbers

-Swanton Township invited the Board to their Township meeting on August 8, 2017. Jim Gee from TARTA will be in attendance.

-The Township received the quarterly newsletter from the Holland, Springfield, Spencer Historical Society.

-Correspondence from the Lucas County Township Association was shared with the Board.

-Timetable for Program years 2018/2019 projects was received from the Lucas County Engineer's Office. It contained the timetable for the new project funding applications.

-The County Engineer's Office sent out information on the protocol when reporting hazards on County roadways.

### **Old Business**

Trustee Valentine brought up a purchasing a security system and getting the locks changed.

Mr. Ruhl, Township resident and member of JEDZ Board informed the Board of an available alarm system. Mr. Ruhl had two estimates ranging from \$900-\$1800. Trustee Bettinger made a motion to appropriate \$1800 for the alarm system, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

### **New Business**

Ms. McAdams suggested the Township hire an individual to attend Township Zoning meetings and perform secretarial duties for both Zoning Boards and the JEDZ Board and help with filing.

There was discussion on the number of hours and if the individual would be paid by the hour or per meeting. The Board further discussed putting an ad in the newspaper. The person would make \$16/hour.

The position will be called a records clerk.

Trustee Valentine explained the new mower cut the mow time in half for the most part. He would like to figure out how much time tasks take to hold employees more accountable. Trustee Hood asked the other Trustees to work on coming up with a timetable on tasks in the road department.

Trustee Hood suggested a time study. Trustee Bettinger stated the trash needs to be picked up prior to mowing.

Trustee Bettinger brought up unlimited pickup for September.

### **Open to the Public**

Mike Varanese, resident, asked what is he supposed to do since the Township told him he could not move the doublewide trailer he purchased off of property on Crissey Road. Mr. Varanese said the Zoning Inspector, Jim Bryan, told him he could move the trailer once he cleaned up his property that had a trailer that burned down. Now he is out of the money.

Trustee Valentine apologized and explained Mr. Bryan has been terminated and Mr. Croskey will be held accountable.

Trustee Bettinger explained she has emails from herself and the Asst. Prosecutor John Borrel that he is not allowed to move the manufactured home within the Township.

Trustee Valentine stated the Township cannot repay Mr. Varanese for the money he is out of. Mr. Varanese stated he was told to go through the Zoning Inspector and he did.

Mr. Varanese said he is out of \$6,500 on the purchase of the trailer.

Trustee Valentine told Mr. Varanese to research his legal options.

Trustee Valentine said Mr. Croskey was informed he should not have had anything to do with Zoning. He also said Trustee Hood being present in the meeting gave validity to Mr. Bryan's decision. Trustee Hood stated he did not engage in the conversation. **As a correction Trustee Hood admitted he was in the room during this conversation.**

Trustee Valentine asked that all Board members follow Zoning Laws going forward.

Trustee Valentine stated there is misinformation in the Township regarding the Fire Department. He explained the savings and the benefits of partnering with Springfield Township Fire Department. He also mentioned the reduction of taxes.

He asked the Board to ok a letter being sent on behalf of the Board to residents explaining what services Spencer Township offers.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to send the letter, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: abstain, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

-Adam Thomas, resident, explained people know they can call 911 if there is an emergency. Trustee Valentine said he feels the Community needs clarity.

-Kate Roth, said it should be placed on the Township website.

-Mr. Ruhl suggested the letter be more of a newsletter.

-Mr. Palawczyk mentioned the new jail they are proposing in Toledo.

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

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Dawn E. McDonald  
Fiscal Officer

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Shawn P. Valentine  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Michael B. Hood  
Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Teresa M. Bettinger  
Trustee