

Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

October 5, 2017

Chairman of the Board Shawn P. Valentine 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

Minutes

The minutes from August 3, 2017 were corrected. The minutes from September 7, 2017 were corrected. The minutes from September 21, 2017 were available. Trustee Bettinger made a motion to accept the minutes, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to go into executive session at 7:04 to discuss pending litigation, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:22pm, Trustee Hood seconded. Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

A representative from the Ohio Division of Wildlife came to ask the Township to continue an existing management agreement on the 15 acres they own off of Hill Avenue. The area is called the Meilke Savannah Wildlife area. They are looking to sign a long-term agreement at least 5 years.

Trustee Bettinger pointed out the current contract is still in force unless notice was given.

The matter was tabled for the Board to review the agreement.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:34pm to interview Pat Rupert, Pat Baum and Kate Roth for the records clerk position. Trustee Bettinger made the motion, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:18, Trustee Hood made the motion to come out of executive session, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine explained the Board decided to choose the candidate that was best for the position.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to hire Patricia Baum, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Hood made a motion to pay her \$16/hour, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

The records clerk will work twenty hours (20) per week. Trustee Hood made the motion, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Hood thanked the other applicants.

Financials

Receipts	\$24,179.66
Payments	\$17,773.18

Fund Balances

General	\$1,937,358.81
Motor Veh. License	\$16,695.88
Gas Tax	\$57,924.58
Fire	\$199,778.81
Permissive Motor	\$73,124.22
Misc. Special Revenue	<u>\$483.60</u>
	\$2,285,365.90

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

Pay the Bills

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

Zoning

Zoning Inspector, Eric Gay, explained a hearing would be held by the Lucas County Planning Commission for the old grocery store on the corner of Raab and Bancroft, the owner is Capelletti family.

Johnson Controls plans are with the Planning Commission for their warehouse expansion. He would like to have a special meeting on October 19, 2017 at 6:30pm to get this warehouse expansion taken care of. This will be publicized in a local paper, The Blade. Trustee Hood made a motion to advertise in the Blade, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

The Zoning Commission had a meeting with Sheilah McAdams; he will give a report at a later time.

No BZA meeting

Road

Dean Croskey reported the unlimited pickup starts October 9, 1017.

Fire

Chief Cousino emailed a fire report. It will be attached to the permanent minutes.

JEDZ

Correspondence

The Township received 2 certificates of insurance for the Poggemeyer Design group. One certificate was from USI Insurance Services for \$1,000,000, the other was from The James B. Oswald Company for \$5,000,000.

The Township received from the Lucas County Auditor revenue budget information for 2018. The estimated real estate taxes for the general fund is \$94,000, the estimated real estate taxes for the fire fund are \$72,000. Carlos Ruiz questioned if the Township is going to again waive the 2 fire levies. This will be acted on at the next meeting.

The Township received notification from Bryan Zienta, from the Lucas County Engineer's office. Bridge No. 264 located .1 miles south of Frankfort Road is in an accelerated state of deterioration of the south abutment and this reduces the bridges ability to carry loads. In the interest of public safety, the bridge will be closed until further notice.

July 2018 is when the bridge can be repaired according to Sarah Rowland. The cost is \$123,000.

The Township received a refund check for overpayment of property taxes. The refund was a result of penalties being waved because the property (parcel 60-12551) is now tax-exempt. The refund was in the amount of: \$957.03.

The Township received a written records request from D. Hilarion Smith. He is requesting hard copies of the security system quotes, the invoice and a copy of the signed check.

Old Business

The Board was going to sell 2 pieces of equipment. The Linkbelt tractor and the 94 Freightliner fire engine. Trustee Valentine explained both Florida and Texas are requesting donated engines because of the hurricane damage to their equipment. This matter was tabled until the meeting on October 19, 2017.

Unlimited pickup begins on 10/09/17.

New Business

Trustee Valentine introduced a proposed partnership with the Lucas County Port Authority to promote an energy efficient district in the Township. This will open up dollars to Township businesses. This plan will offer low interest loans.

Reduction of electricity used and an upgrade of lighting fixtures is one of the benefits Trustee Valentine explained.

In another partnership with the Port Authority Trustee Valentine wants to partner with the Lucas County Port Authority as a way of investing surplus funds the Township possesses. Businesses in the Township could take low interest loans out on these dollars as well as other businesses in Lucas County.

This is a secured investment. This is also a long-term investment.

The return is around 3%.

This partnership will be discussed in detail at the meeting on October 19, 2017.

Trustee Valentine will forward a PDF of both initiatives to the Board.

Open to the Public

Kate Roth, resident wanted to know when they would begin resume the cleaning work on Drennan ditch. They will resume in the spring and they are about 1/8th of a mile in from Meilke Road. They are not clear-cutting ditch banks. All underlying brush will be removed.

Trustee Bettinger asked what about the other ditches in the Township. Ditch maintenance is a county responsibility. The resident should call the County Engineer.

Jack Gulvas, resident, asked if locks on the door would be changed when the new security system is installed. Trustee Valentine explained we would go to a key fob system. He will receive a key.

Mr. Gulvas asked if there would be another candidate meeting.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to adjourn at 9:01pm, Trustee Hood seconded.
Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.