

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting December 7, 2017

Chairman of the Board, Shawn P. Valentine, 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>present</b>

## Pledge to the Flag

## Minutes

The minutes were made available from last months meeting, Trustee Hood made a motion to accept the minutes, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

## Financials

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$280,156.21</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>\$155,977.02</b>

## Fund Balances

<b>General</b>	<b>\$2,035,455.86</b>
<b>Motor Veh. Tax</b>	<b>\$16,909.81</b>
<b>Gas Tax</b>	<b>\$66,488.46</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>\$204,271.45</b>
<b>Perm. Motor Tax</b>	<b>\$76,520.21</b>
<b>Misc. Spec. Rev.</b>	<b><u>\$483.60</u></b>
	<b>\$2,400,129.39</b>

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

## **Zoning**

No Zoning report. The Zoning Inspector, Eric Gay, is out of the office for personal reasons.

## **BZA**

Regina Tilman, Chairman of BZA, gave a report. The BZA was waiting on a site plan for a proposed project. The property owner did not attend the meeting. Another date was set.

There was a restructuring of the BZA Board, Mr. James Morgan was elected Chairman and Mrs. Tilman is now Vice Chairman.

Mr. Morgan reported there is a vacancy on the BZA Board. It is an alternate position that is available. Trustee Valentine informed Mr. Morgan a letter of interest needs to be presented to the Trustee Board. Mr. Morgan presented the letter of interest to the Board.

Mrs. Tilman reminded the Board her letter of interest was submitted and she reminded the Board to act on her re-appointment.

Trustee Hood made a motion to re-appoint Mrs. Tilman, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

## **Road**

Mr. Croskey gave a brief review of his work over the past month.

The fire engine will be sent out to see what is wrong with it since the problem is intermittent. A \$600 cost cap was set. Trustee Hood made a motion to have Springfield Fire's mechanic take a look at the engine, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine is looking at what kind of deal the Township can get on trading the Link belt for a Bobcat.

## **Fire**

It was read there were 21 EMS calls and 3 fire calls over the past month.

## **JEDZ**

No meeting, but 3rd quarter JEDZ was received.

## **Correspondence**

-Correspondence was received from the Lucas County Health Department for an application for the 2018 semipublic sewage treatment system operation and maintenance fee.

Both Trustee Valentine and Trustee Hood's bonds were made available. They need to be turned into the Township by January 1, 2018.

Lima Drug Outreach Program congratulated the recently elected officials. A fruit basket had to be returned according to the Ohio Revised Code.

The official certificate of estimated resources was received from the Lucas County Auditor.

Schwamberger Road agreement paperwork needs to be signed by the Trustees.

Beginning in 2018, the Township will pay withholding taxes on a monthly basis.

The Trustees will attend a mediation hearing tomorrow for a court case involving former fire chief and the Township.

## **Old Business**

The joint cooperative agreement between Spencer Township and Lucas County for Schwamberger Road and Frankfort Road projects was signed.

Resolution 2017-1207B was signed allowing the Township to carry the fire levy from 05/7/1985 at 0 mills and the fire levy from 11/4/1997 at 0 mills. This is not an elimination, Trustee Bettinger made the motion, Trustee seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

A resolution was read authorizing the removal, repair or securance of unsecure and/or unsafe buildings or structures for a modular home located on 228 S. Crissey Road. There was discussion on the matter.

Trustee Hood was not ready to act on this matter because the property owner has spoken to Trustee Hood about matters relating to the home. The owner stated the home was allowed to sit on his property for 1 year. Trustee Hood claimed the property owner informed him the Zoning Inspector offered to purchase the home on

behalf of the Township to demolish it. Trustee Valentine stated the Zoning Inspector was not present to explain this.

Trustee Valentine told him this makes no sense.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to accept the resolution as read, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: no, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine asked the Fiscal Officer to act as the acting Zoning Inspector for 60 days due to the personal issues of the Zoning Inspector.

Trustee Hood suggested an ad be placed in the paper to replace Mr. Gay.

Mr. Gay will be retained as counsel, and Mr. Dean Croskey will be used as a resource. Trustee Hood made the motion to have the Fiscal Officer, Dawn McDonald, act as the Zoning Inspector for 60 days or until Mr. Gay is available, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Mr. Gay's compensation will continue.

### **New Business**

Trustee Valentine suggested a public meeting in regards to changing school districts for Spencer Township. He cited the poor performance of Toledo Public Schools. He mentioned the taxes for Swanton would be comparable to what residents currently pay. Evergreen and Springfield schools were also options.

The second Thursday in January was offered as the date for the public hearing. The date would be January 11, 2018.

Trustee Hood made a motion to pay the expenses for the 2018 OTA winter conference, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

### **Open to the Public**

Ray Lindsay, resident, asked Trustee Valentine if he would resign if his relatives were found guilty of voter fraud.

Mike Varanese, resident, asked who said the home on Crissey road was unfit. He questioned the competency of the Zoning Inspector, Eric Gay. Trustee Valentine explained the Township allowed Mr. Varanese to move the modular located on 228 Crissey to a property Mr. Varanese had split.

Mr. Lindsay asked why would Springfield Fire Department go around condemning buildings in the Township.

Adam Thomas, resident, said the Township needs to own up to making mistakes. He said the Township should be looking for a new zoning inspector. He feels the Township heads should be more transparent and remove their egos. He reminded the Trustees they work for the people. He mentioned there is a way to get natural gas in to a larger part of the Township. Trustee Valentine reminded him the Township does not get involved with paying utilities for the residents.

LaTonya Boyd, resident, commented natural gas and other amenities like this would draw people and help increase property values.

Resident, James Morgan, asked if the Township was going to offer public transportation next year. Trustee Valentine asked Mr. Morgan that his proposals be sent to the Board. CTS have provided very good service Trustee Valentine and Bettinger commented. He is interested in submitting a bid.

The Township will place an ad in the Toledo Blade requesting transportation services with the deadline being Thursday December 21, 2017 at 5:00pm. Trustee Hood made the motion, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

The current CTS contract will set the guidelines.

Jack Gulvas, resident, asked if the Board would contact the cable service providers to let them know residents are interested.

La Tonya Boyd asked if there was a growth plan for Spencer Township. Trustee Valentine said there is no growth plan. Trustee Valentine said there is no development plan. Trustee Valentine mentioned the current real estate plans is centered on urban living. Trustee Valentine said he is in favor of preserving the green space. The current land use plan will be made available.

Jacky Dale, resident, asked for clarification of the date and time of the closeout meeting. She also mentioned the school system discussions need to involve transportation.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to hold the closeout meeting December 23, 2017 at 9:00am, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Mrs. Dale asked for clarification of the zoning board terms. The Trustees will look into the matter.

Ms. Morgan asked for a copy of the Land Use Plan. She will be provided with a copy.

Mrs. Tilman, resident, expressed charity begins at home and Township residents should receive preference in the bidding process. She said the Board should consider this when making the transportation decision.

Kate Roth, resident, asked the Board to improve their behavior in 2018. The Board committed to being more professional.

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