

Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

September 21, 2017

Chairman of the Board, Shawn P. Valentine called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Bettinger read the estimate supplied by the County Engineer's Office for the road projects for 2019. The following roads will be repaved: Meilke Road, Whitehouse Spencer Road and a portion of Raab Road including the bridge. The Township will be responsible for \$955,660 and repay a loan of \$195,170 over a period of ten years. Trustee Shawn Valentine and Fiscal Officer Dawn McDonald signed the agreement ensuring the funds would be available.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to go into executive session at 7:07pm to review resumes for the records clerk position, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Hood made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:46pm, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine stated he would contact 5 individuals for interviews for the records clerk position. The interviews would take place at the October 5, 2017 Township meeting.

Open to the Public

Marilyn Yoder spoken on behalf of the Holland, Springfield, Spencer Historical Society to inform the Township they would like to donate a bench valued at \$600. The Township would be responsible for installing the bench.

Jack Gulvas, resident, asked what is the progress of the records clerk position.

Trustee Hood revisited the subject of Dean Croskey assisting the Zoning Inspector with historical matters. Trustee Valentine expressed his opinion against this. He feels it is a no go.

Trustee Bettinger said Mr. Gay needs someone to give him knowledge about issues that have happened in the past. It would only be a couple of hours a month she said. Dean Croskey would not make decisions. Trustee Valentine stated Mr. Croskey told lies in the past. Trustee Valentine does not trust the integrity of Dean Croskey.

Mr. Gay said Dean Croskey has been helpful and he is knowledgeable and knows the history of the Township. He would only need him a couple of hours a week. A new person can help with administration, but they do not know the history.

Trustee Valentine said Dean Croskey help create the mess that currently exists.

Trustee Valentine said Mr. Croskey has led the Township into several court cases. Dean Croskey reminded Trustee Valentine the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office cleared his name of any wrong doing involving the Joshua Treatment Center.

Resident, Clynell Robinson, asked don't all Trustees have the same say? Trustee Valentine said yes they do.

Trustee Hood said everyone should have an equal say, we may not always agree. There will differing opinions. Ms. Robinson said shouldn't everyone have a say? She does not like the bickering amongst the Board.

Trustee Valentine asked Mr. Gay to wait 2 weeks. The records clerk will be able to assist.

Trustee Hood mentioned there is a court case coming up that Dean Croskey has the history on that will be helpful to the Township (Davis salvage yard case).

Mr. Gay said he would inform the Board if Dean were not working in the best interests of the Township.

Trustee Valentine does not want him to have any interaction with Township residents on his own if he were to assist with zoning.

The discussion switched to the Davis Salvage yard on Meilke Road.

Trustee Valentine suggested the Township pass a motion to give Mr. Davis a timeline to have vehicles removed from his property since we do not want salvage yards in the Township.

Trustee Bettinger stated the prosecutor's office wants to meet with the Trustees in regards to the Davis case in October of 2017.

Trustee Hood brought the discussion back to Dean Croskey assisting the Zoning Inspector, Eric Gay for 10 hours/month.

Trustee Hood made the motion to allow Dean Croskey to work 10 hours per month in Zoning and have no interaction with residents at the rate of \$16/hour, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Hood suggested writing a letter to Mr. Davis that the Township wants him to start removing vehicles from his property. This letter would be written and kept on standby if no action is taken by Mr. Davis to remove the cars from his property.

Jack Gulvas asked if the new records clerk would type the minutes of the previous meetings on record. Yes the clerk will is the answer.

Trustee Hood mentioned he would not be able to attend the meet the candidates' night.

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