

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

## February 4, 2016

Trustee Michael B. Hood called the meeting to order at 7:16pm.

### Roll Call

Trustee Michael B. Hood	present
Trustee Teresa M. Bettinger	present
Trustee Shawn P. Valentine	military leave

Trustee Hood expressed his displeasure of the conduct at the last meeting. He described it as a “three ring circus”. At this time he asked Trustee Bettinger if she wished to relinquish the Chair position to Trustee Hood. Trustee Bettinger agreed to give the Chair position to Trustee Hood.

Trustee Hood made a motion to declare the Chair position vacant, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

The Chair position was turned over to the Fiscal Officer, Dawn E. McDonald.

Ms. McDonald entertained a motion for nomination of the Chair position. Trustee Bettinger made a motion to nominate Trustee Hood as Chairman of the Board, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Trustee Hood made a motion to nominate Trustee Bettinger as Vice Chairman of the Board, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

### Pledge to the Flag

### Minutes

The minutes from January 7, 2016 and January 21, 2016 were available for review. Trustee Hood made a motion to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Trustee Bettinger informed the audience there were brochures available from the Western Lucas County Health department located in the Spencer Neighborhood Center.

### Financials

Receipts	\$105,621.21
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Payments                               \$70,673.06

**Fund Balances**

General	\$838,143.79
Motor Vehicle License	\$ 13,141.77
Gas Tax	\$ 31,584.30
Permissive Motor Vehicle	\$ 10,627.64
Fire	<u>\$ 71,608.86</u>
	<b>\$965,106.36</b>

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

**Pay the Bills**

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

**Zoning**

Zoning Inspector, Dean Croskey, gave the report. There were 2 permits issued and several zoning violations issued for the month. Mr. Croskey reminded the audience zoning complaint forms are available.

Zoning Commission Chair, Jack Gulvas, gave report that his Board met and reorganized and they voted in favor on the zoning change at 225 Irwin Road.

Trustee Hood explained the Zoning Commission should meet next Thursday to go over procedures with the Zoning Inspector and Trustee Hood.

BZA had no meeting Jacky Dale reported. They have not reorganized yet for 2016.

**Road Report**

Road Superintendent, Dean Croskey, gave the road report. Servicing on equipment occurred throughout the month since we have not had a lot of snow he explained. Mr. Croskey reported all the salt we own is in the bin. We can purchase more salt if needed. Mr. Croskey has been driving the Township roads picking up debris and “dumped” items along the way.

Mr. Croskey presented an estimate for the tree removal on Schwamberger Road. Mr. Croskey asked for permission to get estimates on replacing lighting on the plow truck. The Board agreed.

Mr. Croskey explained the Township would meet with the Lucas County Engineer on March 11, 2016 on upcoming projects.

Trustee Hood mentioned Berkey road for future repair and Eber Road would be resurfaced this coming summer.

Trustee Hood informed the audience the Board, fire chief and zoning inspector attended the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference last week.

**Fire**

Chief, Carl Arnold, gave the report.

	<b>Fire</b>	<b>EMS</b>
Spencer	4	13
Harding	1	10
Swanton	2	15
Mutual Aid	2	

**Total = 47**

The grant funded turnout gear arrived. 30 sets of gear were purchased. Chief Arnold requested to hire a deputy chief. He explained the need to the Board. The deputy chief would receive a raise of \$1.50.

Chief Arnold would like to set up a workshop with the Trustees to make them abreast of the current state of affairs at the fire station.

Chief Arnold reported that the State Fire Marshall's office responded to the report submitted. They recommended following the citation process. Chief Arnold has submitted the report to Township Counsel, Sheilah McAdams.

**JEDZ**

Trustee Hood gave the report. The Board reorganized with members from Whitehouse and Spencer Township. The Board will meet the last Friday of the month at 10:00am at the Spencer Township Hall.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence from the County Recorder was received. All zoning changes need to be copied to their office per the Ohio Revised Code. Public Works Commission notified the Township Schwamberger Road Project is paid in full.

Both Trustees signed the contract for the road project of Bemis Lane, Oak Grove and Bancroft that will occur in 2017.

### **Old Business**

Trustee Hood asked Pastor Boose of Second Baptist Church when construction on the building at 225 Irwin would occur. Pastor Boose did not have a specific date perhaps within 60 days. Trustee Hood encouraged the Fire Chief and the Zoning Inspector to work with the Church so there is no confusion.

Chief Arnold presented the contract with Springfield Township Fire for the Township's dispatching. Trustee Bettinger made the motion to accept the contract with Springfield Fire, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes

Trustee Bettinger wanted to clarify the zoning change at 225 Irwin was not purposefully prolonged. She explained the Township had to follow the law to ensure all bases were covered. Trustee Hood agreed.

### **New Business**

Trustee Hood swore in the Fiscal Officer for her term that begins April 1, 2017.

### **Open to the Public**

Resident, Ray Pawlawczyk, requested no through trucks sign be place on Schwamberger Road. Trustee Hood explained we could get the signs up.

Resident, Jack Gulvas, asked who could get rid of a dead carcass in a county road ditch. He was instructed to contact Lucas County.

Resident, Jacky Dale, asked if Donald Thomas, Spencer Township TARTA Board rep, has reported to the Board on TARTA issues. Trustee Hood will contact Mr. Thomas.

Resident, Anthony Bettinger, asked if weight restrictions signs are allowed on our roads. After discussion it was explained no, it is a legal issue for signs to be posted.

Resident, Dean Anderson, asked how many Trustees the Township has. Trustee Hood explained two, Trustee Bettinger explained three, Shawn P. Valentine is a Trustee and Mr. Smith is not she stated. Trustee Hood stated it's in the hands of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Jacky Dale wanted to know who is picking up the fees for the court action on behalf of the Township, Trustee Bettinger explained according to Julia Bates; Mr. Smith will be responsible for the legal fees.

Resident, Adam Thomas, asked if Trustee Valentine is being paid. Trustee Bettinger spoke on Trustee Valentine's military obligation and how the Ohio Revised Code handles deployment. Mr. Thomas did not agree that Trustee Valentine should be paid when he is not doing the job. Trustee Bettinger stated Trustee Valentine is available by email. He can still do his job, he just can't vote Trustee Bettinger stated.

Resident, Kate Roth, asked how much did the Township pay for the "Spuds" property and where did the money come from. Trustee Hood explained JEDZ dollars were used.

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

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Dawn E. McDonald

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Michael B. Hood

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Teresa M. Bettinger