

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

## June 2, 2016

Chairman of the Board, Michael B. Hood called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### Roll Call

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

### Pledge to the Flag

### Minutes

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

### Financials

Payments	\$70,658.19
Receipts	\$34,702.84

### Fund Balances

General	\$1,060,744.14
Motor Veh. Lic.	\$ 14,306.40
Gas Tax	\$ 49,670.09
Fire	\$ 29,521.16
Permissive Motor	<u>\$ 10,627.64</u>
	\$1,164,869.43

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to accept the financials as read by the Fiscal Officer, 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 Report

The report was presented, but not read.

**Road Report**

The report was presented, but not read.

**Fire Report**

	<b>Fire</b>	<b>EMS</b>
<b>Spencer</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Harding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Swanton</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Mutual</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Total Runs = 45**

Fire Chief, Carl Arnold, gave the report.

Robert Barnaby has resigned from the Department.

A walk through occurred on May 24 by Springfield Township Fire Department. An inventory of the equipment was also presented to the Board with replacement costs.

Chief Arnold recommended an appraisal company come in to get fair market value on the fire equipment.

Chief Arnold also requested a meeting with himself and the Trustees to discuss what happens after July 1, 2016. He recommended 2 weeks of employment for himself after July 1, 2016.

Trustee Hood reviewed the values on the inventory sheet Chief Arnold presented. Replacement value was at least \$1,000,000 to \$1,600,000.

Chief Arnold suggested layoff notices go out to the fire personnel.

Trustee Hood asked questions regarding the equipment Springfield Township should receive. The Township is giving away over \$1,000,000 worth of equipment, this needs to be discussed Trustee Hood stated. There was discussion on the value of the equipment.

Trustee Bettinger explained we are being fiscally responsible by paying \$128,000/year with a 3% increase yearly.

Trustee Hood asked about the cost of bringing the building up to Springfield's standard. Trustee Bettinger stated she spoke to Chief Cousino of Springfield and there are no improvements needed at this time to bring the building up to standard.

Trustee Hood asked Trustee Bettinger who will the Springfield fire personnel answer to, Chief Arnold stated his opinion, it would be Chief Cousino.

Trustee Hood told Chief Arnold a sit down conversation would be held to discuss his employment.

## **Land Use**

Lewis Morgan, Chairman of the Land Use Committee, gave the report. The Land Use Committee has found a Company to do the branding for the Township, Poggemeyer. He presented a resolution to the Board of Trustees. He explained much work and research went into this choice.

Trustee Hood explained the Committee was organized in September of 2015. They have worked on this for the past 9 months. Trustee Hood commended them for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Morgan explained the Land Use process and goals to the public. He promised the public would be informed along the way. Mr. Morgan explained going into business with Poggemeyer would cost the Township around \$70,000 for 10 years, but it should be reviewed in 5 years.

Trustee Hood presented applications for Brownfield assessment assistance from the Ohio EPA. This is a grant from the federal government. This grant bears no cost to the Township.

Trustee Hood made a motion to submit the grant; Trustee Bettinger said she needs to read the grant information before she makes a decision.

Trustee Bettinger tabled the resolution presented to the Board of Trustees because she has not had time to read it. Mr. Morgan expressed that this is being pushed back further and further. The \$70,000 is an investment in the community he explained.

Trustee Hood proposed a second meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, June 16 to discuss and decide upon the land use resolution and the EPA application. Mr. Morgan stated he will not be here he has plans to be out of town

## **Correspondence**

The Fiscal Officer read the amendment to the Eber Road project giving the County permission to do the bidding on the project. The amendment was read and signed by the Trustees. Trustee Bettinger made a motion to allow the County to do the

bidding, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

### **New Business**

Trustee Hood presented the Lucas County empowerment program information. It provides employment to youth 15-24 years old. Trustee Bettinger made a motion for the Spencer Township to be a job site for the summer employment program, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Steven Oliver applied to be an alternate on the Zoning Board. He gave his experience in the letter. Trustee Bettinger explained, he would be an alternate. Trustee Bettinger made the motion to accept Mr. Oliver as an alternate, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Trustee Bettinger presented the purchase orders to approve T&J Excavating to do the ditch cleaning on Degenfelder and Schwamberger Roads. There was discussion on the matter. Trustee Hood suggested the wood from the tree removal be made available to the residents.

There were questions about County roads that need ditches cleaned. There was also conversation about Township roads that need ditches cleaned.

Trustee Bettinger made the motion offer the contract to T&J, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes.

Trustee Hood stated services have to be provided to the entire community. This tree removal is helping alleviate the drainage problem in the Township. This too is an investment he expressed he compared this to the Brownfield grant.

Trustee Bettinger expressed she wants to make sure we are getting what we want done for the best value in the branding project. She needs to read the proposals before she makes a decision.

Resident, Pam Williams, expressed her opinion on the closing of the fire department.

### **Open to the Public**

Annette Colchagoff, resident, expressed concern about preserving the flagpole at the old Spencer Sharples School. Owner of the property, Mr. Goodwin said the concerns of the community would be regarded and the flagpole is staying.

Cate Roth, resident, stated residents should be made aware by news alert of special meetings. She also gave suggestion on making the public aware of the website. She also wanted more visibility on the disbursements of the JEDZ dollars.

Resident, Lee Smith, stated the input from the public needs to be considered on all matters such as the fire station closing.

Trustee Hood expressed all of the services the Township has lost, the school, transit and now the fire department. Trustee Hood said if money is the issue with the fire services being farmed out to Springfield, who would support a fire levy. Many people in the audience raised their hands. He again expressed there should have been discussion on the matter.

Carol Shull, resident, read a letter signed by 40 members of the community requesting the stop of the July 1 transfer of Spencer Township fire services to Springfield Township.

Trustee Bettinger adjourned the meeting.

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Dawn E. McDonald  
Fiscal Officer

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Michael B. Hood  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Teresa M. Bettinger  
Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees