

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

## September 1, 2016

Trustee Shawn P. Valentine called the meeting to order.

### Roll Call

<b>Trustee Michael B. Hood</b>	<b>present (15 minutes tardy)</b>
<b>Trustee Teresa N. Bettinger</b>	<b>present</b>
<b>Trustee Shawn P. Valentine</b>	<b>present</b>

### Pledge to the Flag

### Minutes

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

### Financials

The Fiscal Officer gave the financial report.

<b>Payments:</b>	<b>\$35,821.22</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>\$18,645.91</b>

### Fund Balances

<b>General</b>	<b>\$922,983.75</b>
<b>Motor Veh. Lic.</b>	<b>\$15,289.79</b>
<b>Gas Tax</b>	<b>\$58,748.21</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>\$31,980.84</b>
<b>Perm. Moto</b>	<b><u>\$10,627.64</u></b>
	<b>\$1,039,630.23</b>

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

### Pay the Bills

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

## **Zoning Report**

The zoning inspector, Dean Croskey, read the report.

Several permits were issued throughout the month. It should be noted the tiny house has been moved, all pending violations have been cleared regarding the tiny house.

There will be a BZA meeting at 7:00pm on September 22, 2016 at the Township Hall to discuss variances at 9414, 9455 and 9482 Angola Road Holland, Ohio 43528.

## **Road Report**

Trustee Hood arrived during the road report.

The road report was presented to the Board; it is attached to the minutes.

The Trustees reviewed requested options from the County Engineers office for roadwork on Schwamberger, Harriet and Berkey roads. Trustee Bettinger made a motion to go with option 2, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

## **Land Use**

### **Fire**

Trustee Valentine gave the fire report. He announced Chief Cousino or a representative would try to be present at the Township meeting at least once per quarter.

A bill from the grant writing company, Gatchell, was presented. The company informed the Township declining a grant does not release of the Township of paying the grant award fee to their company. The matter was tabled and will be sent to the legal representative for Spencer Township.

### **JEDZ**

No report

### **Correspondence**

The Fiscal Officer read the correspondence.

It was noted the Township received mail from Reminger Law Offices regarding a lawsuit filed against the township from a former employee John Myers.

Franchise fees were received from Time Warner cable.

Scholarship opportunities from the Ohio Township Association were announced. Applications will be available at the Township Hall.

### **Old Business**

Trustee Valentine looked into the land use proposal from the Poggemeyer group. He contacted BGSU and they may be able to help us with the development of a land use plan at a much-reduced cost. He will contact them for more details and a possible commitment.

Resident, Jacky Dale, asked why we didn't look into these other options earlier for this Land Use commitment from BGSU. She feels the Township is losing credibility by not accepting the submitted proposals. Trustee Valentine answered he didn't know BGSU would be interested in the job.

Trustee Hood said the Land Use Committee did what we asked them. The Poggemeyer proposal includes branding along with a land use plan.

Trustee Bettinger asked about the IT ad. The Fiscal Officer explained an ad would be put in September 13, 2016 edition of the Key Shoppers News

### **New Business**

October 24-28 will be the unlimited pickup date for the fall.

The roof on the pavilion across the ditch needs repaired. The Road Superintendent will solicit bids for a metal roof.

Trustee Valentine asked that a media policy be established. He asked that no chairman of any Board or employee speak on behalf of the Township to the media. The Board agreed and a more formal policy will be placed in the handbook.

### **Open to the Public**

Resident, Jack Gulvas, asked if there were grants available for blighted properties in the Township. Trustee Hood answered the Township has looked into this earlier in the year.

Resident, Mr. Bettinger, asked if the doors could be put on the Old Township Hall. There was discussion on the matter.

Mrs. Dale asked about Township bills at the fire station and Town Hall. She also asked about the usage of the fire sign. She would like the sign to be available to announce upcoming community events. Trustee Valentine told her to inform the Board and we would make sure the sign is updated.

Kate Roth said her position on the Land Use board was a learning experience and the group should not feel lost because the land use group is still learning about the process and the different options available.

Resident Chris Ruhl stated his former Township used a local college to help with the website and IT services. The Township will definitely look into this Trustee Valentine stated.

Resident, LaTonya Boyd, asked how the road projects are being paid. It was explained cash. She also advised going to the parks for help with payment in the future.

Resident, Carol Shull, asked since the Land Use committee was disbanded, can it be reformed since we may go with BGSU? Trustee Valentine will get with BGSU and see if they are interested and possibly have an open house for the community if they accept the job of creating the land use plan at a reduced rate over Poggemeyer. Trustee Hood feels the Land Use committee should be involved in the discussion as well. Ms. Shull feels it would be respectful to the Land Use committee to invite their input on this matter. Trustee Hood asked what if BGSU decides not to do this...food for thought.

Resident, Jacky Dale, asked that an ad be placed for 1 regular member and 2 alternates for the BZA board. There will also be an ad placed for a BZA meeting on 9/22/16 at 7pm in the Key.

Springfield Trustee Andy Glenn stated Springfield Township paid for a land use plan years ago and it was not worth the money. He also wanted to clarify Springfield tax dollars do not fund any scholarships; their fire auxiliary finances a scholarship.

Cate Roth asked if the Township was going to purchase any other property in the Township.

Resident, Dean Anderson, asked if a zoning violation was issued against the unspecified address on Angola Road. Mr. Croskey stated he has looked into this and made calls to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, there is nothing the Township can do.

Mr. Anderson asked if the tax levy would be reduced since there have been changes with the fire department.

Mr. Glenn suggested we get with the Lucas County Land Bank involved in tearing down the blighted houses.

Trustee Hood had to leave at 8:12pm before the meeting ended.

Trustee Valentine made a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm, Trustee Bettinger seconded.  
Roll call: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

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Dawn E. McDonald  
Fiscal Officer

**X**

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Michael B. Hood  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

**X**

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Teresa M. Bettinger  
Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

**X**

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Shawn P. Valentine  
Trustee