

Spencer Township Trustee Meeting November 2, 2017

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

Roll Call

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

Pledge to the Flag

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to go into executive with legal representative Sheilah McAdams at 7:05pm to discuss section G (economic development), Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:27pm, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Valentine explained the Township would need to hire a law firm to assist with the legalities of the partnership with the Lucas County Port Authority. Sheilah McAdams researched firms and presented them to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Hood made a motion to hire the law firm Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP @\$350/per hour not to exceed \$1500 without approval. This law firm is located in Columbus, Ohio and they have lawyers who specialize in public finance, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Minutes

Trustee Valentine made note the minutes from October 19, 2017 need to be corrected. He explained the Board transferred Ray Croskey from the supervision of the Road department to the Zoning department. The minutes from October 5, 2017 and October 23, 2017 were accepted. Trustee Hood made a motion to accept all minutes with the necessary corrections, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

The minutes were accepted with

Financials

Receipts	\$12,232.62
Payments	\$20,186.40

Fund Balances

General	\$1,923,377.76
Motor Veh.	\$16,653.13
Gas Tax	\$62,869.43
Fire	\$198,897.98
Perm. Motor	\$74,932.22
Misc Special	<u>\$483.60</u>

\$2,277,214.12

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

Pay the Bills

Trustee Bettinger made resolution 2017-1102 to purchase a camera system from Christopher Ruhl, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

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

Zoning Inspector, Eric Gay, gave the report. Permits were issued through the month along with a violation.

BZA

There was a BZA meeting.

The BZA Board is waiting on a site plan for an open-air pavilion.

Regina Tilman, Chairperson, informed the Board the BZA meeting for November will occur on November 30, 2017.

Road

Dean Croskey presented a report to the Board.

Trustee Valentine answered questions proposed by Mr. Croskey.

Trustee Valentine received from Springfield Township a leaf pickup bid for \$6000.

Trustee Valentine has a meeting to discuss the excavator.

The fire engine still in Spencer's possession it is in need of repair and the State Fire Marshall has not gotten back with Trustee Valentine. Jaden1

Mr. Croskey said the Township has done leaf pickup for around \$2500 in the past. He feels Spencer should do the pickup and re-evaluate it for next year.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to put an ad in the Blade to hire 2 personnel for leaf pickup @ \$12/hour, not to exceed 40 hours per person, the ad will run for 1 week. Trustee Hood made the motion, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Fire

Chief Cousino emailed the fire report. 22 calls were run for the month, most were EMS calls.

JEDZ

No meeting.

3rd quarter JEDZ settlement was received. The Township received \$261,577.51

Correspondence

The capital improvements report will be reviewed in the coming month by the County Engineer's Office.

The Fiscal Officer presented her proposed appropriations for 2018.

A letter was read which Ruby Croskey wrote expressing her displeasure with Township politics and the negative publicity the Township is receiving from Toledo Blade articles.

Trustee Valentine explained Dean Croskey's possible nepotism violation and unlawful use of a public contract violation would be heard by the Ohio Ethics Commission. Their findings will not come out until after December 2017 or thereafter. Township government is public so all reprimands or corrections must also be in public Trustee Valentine explained.

Old Business

The Board discussed the estimated revenues for 2018. The Fiscal Officer gave an explanation.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to discontinue the 3.5 mil fire levy, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

The total estimated revenues for 2018 are: \$3,148,000

Trustee Hood made a motion to accept the revenue estimate resolution for 2018 to be forwarded to the Lucas County Auditor's Office, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

The Board reviewed the management agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Trustee Hood made a motion to continue the management agreement, Trustee Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

New Business

No new business

Trustee Valentine explained natural gas and cable television are utilities the Township has no control over. He explained the process to get water extended to a property. The owner of the property has control over city water access; this is under the control of the County.

Open to the Public

Jack Gulvas expressed his pleasure in the work of Pat Baum, Township records clerk.

Ray Croskey Jr., resident, asked if the Township received the camera system from Christopher Ruhl. Ray Croskey implied since Mr. Ruhl is running for Township Trustee this does not look good for the Township since he will be helping install the system.

He also expressed concern that his pay is being held because of the current nepotism issue in the Township. He also expressed concern about the IT person, Jim Baum, and his wife, Pat Baum, both working in the Township. He mentioned they are friends and neighbors of Teresa Bettinger. Trustee Bettinger stated both Mr.

and Mrs. Baum were the best candidates for the position. Mr. Baum has done an excellent job she explained. She explained Mrs. Baum was voted in and has done an excellent job, she can't help they are her neighbors. Mr. Baum's skill set is exceptional and he is giving the Township a big discount.

Trustee Valentine explained he does not want to hold Ray Croskey's pay, but we have to because of the nepotism case.

Jackie Dale, resident read a statement. She is requesting her daughter be rehired for the 5 days she was promised to work, if not she will seek legal representation. To date her daughter has not been paid for the work she performed for the Township Jackie Dale stated.

Trustee Valentine explained the Township according to the Lucas County Prosecutor did not lawfully hire Mrs. Dale's daughter. He explained paying her daughter would be unlawful.

Trustee Valentine explained the Board is working within the law. We are following the laws of the Ohio Revised Code she explained Dean Croskey was not empowered to hire anyone.

Ray Croskey Sr., resident, spoke with wage and hour to bring this matter to their attention. Mr. Croskey asked if the Township has an attorney. He feels the County prosecutor is a crutch and they give bad advice.

Adam Thomas, resident, said there is potential to make utilities such as natural gas available to the residents of Spencer Township. The public needs to be educated of their options. Mr. Thomas also petitioned for city water.

Ray Croskey Sr. explained a natural gas line was run down Frankfort Road and paid for by Spencer Township.

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