

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

## April 4, 2019

Chairperson of the Board, Shawn Valentine called the meeting to order.

### Roll Call

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

Trustee Hood was tardy to the meeting

### Pledge to the Flag

### Minutes

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 7 Township meeting, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Bettinger made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 21 meeting, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes

### Financials

Receipts	\$116,076.73
Payments	\$58,250.02

### Fund Balances

General	\$838,256.81
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$19,963.32
Gas Tax	\$116,438.76
Fire	\$192,284.67
Permissive Motor Tax	\$106,195.27
Misc. Capital Projects	<u>\$36,694.50</u>
	\$1,309,833.33

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

### **Zoning**

Pat Baum, Township Administrative Assistant, gave the report of violations issued and permits granted. A copy of the report is attached to the permanent minutes.

A request for bids to demolish the property at 9827 Oak Place will be placed in the Toledo Blade; the property is an unsafe building. Trustee Bettinger made the motion, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

### **BZA**

No meeting

### **Road**

Tim Bowes, maintenance employee, gave the report. He explained he started on March 25 and has been organizing the office and has gone on a tour of the Township.

Trustee Bettinger asked is a rough road sign that had been removed from Schwamberger Road be placed on Raab Road.

### **Fire**

No report submitted

### **JEDZ**

No meeting

### **Correspondence**

According to correspondence received from the Lucas County Board of Elections, the Spencer Township Hall will be the polling location of a special election on May 7, 2019. Township Administrative Assistant, Pat Baum, will facilitate the needs of the Board of Elections.

The Township received the Maintenance Bond from Gerken Paving Inc. for the Schwamberger Road Improvement Project.

The Ohio Public Works Commission informed the Township \$386,120 has been approved for the Hill Avenue, Eber Road and Degenfelder Lane Improvements.

The Division of Liquor Control informed the Township June 1, 2019 is the expiration of all liquor permits in the Township. Every permit holder must file a renewal application.

A public hearing for large lot development rules will be held on April 9, 2019. The hearing will be held at 11:00am at the Hearing Room of the Board of Lucas County Commissioners, First Floor, One Government Center.

Lucas County Legislative Breakfast will be held April 5, 2019 at Scrambler Marie's. The Lucas County Farm Bureau hosts this event.

Dean Anderson presented his request to serve another term on the Zoning Board for Spencer Township.

Trustee Valentine explained he feels the new fuel tax Governor Devine lobbied for and is now law is unfair. He feels Spencer Township has made partnerships to lower the taxes of our residents and this is another tax increase. He urged the residents to reach out to their state representatives to voice their displeasure.

Trustee Valentine also explained Spencer Township contains many large lots. He encouraged the public to attend the public hearing if they are concerned about future development in the Township.

### **Old Business**

The Township will tentatively receive around \$200,000 for the Drennen ditch project.

### **New Business**

Jim Baum, IT consultant, was recommended to upgrade all computers to Windows 10. Trustee Bettinger made a motion to approve, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Bettinger suggested dumpster days in Spencer Township for sometime in May. Trustee Valentine suggested we coordinate with neighboring communities to alleviate overflow from surrounding communities dumping unlawfully in Spencer Township. Trustee Bettinger suggested residents with hardships contact the Township.

Trustee Valentine suggested a spring flyer be sent to all residents to inform them of current happenings in the Township. Trustee Bettinger made a motion to send out a

flyer to inform the public, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Bettinger: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Mr. Bowes will use the existing credit cards already established by the Township. The Township will issue a Menards card in his name.

The Township chose May 3rd and May 4<sup>th</sup> for dumpster days.

### **Open to the Public**

Jack Gulvas, resident, asked if the Township was going to list the properties the township purchased. Trustee Valentine explained yes. Mr. Gulvas also asked if the Township had acted on Dean Anderson's petition to the Board for renewal to the Zoning Board. Trustee Valentine explained it would not be acted upon at this time.

Jason Rames, resident, asked if the residential property recently purchased would be sold. Trustee Valentine explained eventually properties would be on the market. Mr. Rames also asked if the Township was looking to buy other properties. Trustee Valentine explained yes. Mr. Rames asked how is the Township trying to bring the property values up. Mr. Valentine explained by first ridding the Township of blighted properties. Mr. Rames commented on the Township's road conditions. He feels the money spent on buying houses could be spent on fixing roads in the Township.

Dean Anderson, resident, explained there is a 3-foot pothole on Whitehouse Spencer Road, could it be cold patched he asked. Trustee Valentine said the Township would look into it. Trustee Valentine also explained the road would be paved later this year. Mr. Anderson also expressed concern on the berm on Schwamberger Road. It could be a hazard. Trustee Valentine explained the Township would look into it. Mr. Anderson asked if Jacob Barnes is bonded through Spencer Township. The answer is no. Trustee Valentine will defer this to our legal counsel.

Mr. Anderson also asked about the polling change in the Township. (The Spencer Township Hall is now the current polling location in Spencer Township) Trustee Valentine explained multiple complaints were levied from residents. Trustee Valentine wrote a letter on behalf of residents that had been allegedly sexually harassed while trying to vote at the Spencer Neighborhood Center Trustee Valentine explained. Trustee Valentine also explained the identity of the complainants will remain private.

Mr. Anderson asked if the property at Oak Grove is safe to purchase why is it not safe to vote?

Steven Kester, resident, he received a letter from the zoning department. He is concerned the Trustees are telling the zoning department where to inspect. Trustee Valentine explained any Trustee could bring forth issues. Mr. Kester feels he is

being harassed about his property. Trustee Valentine explained all complaints would be investigated no matter who they come from. Mr. Kester feels that he is making marked improvements to his property and he does not understand why he is being singled out.

Trustee Hood asked about the improvements Mr. Kester made to the property. He did not understand why there was a problem on the part of the Township.

Trustee Valentine mentioned to Trustee Hood, he made a complaint last year about property on his street.

Trustee Hood mentioned the complaint on his street came from a neighbor.

Joyce Sparks, resident, voiced her concern on the changing of voting polls. She feels people without transportation will not be able to go to the polls. Trustee Valentine suggested absentee ballots. Ms. Sparks wanted to know why the location was changed, if sexual harassment is an issue, people could be harmed at the Town Hall as well. She feels she is not being listened to whenever she comes to Township meetings.

Jacky Dale, resident, questioned why was this harassment (voting poll issue) was never brought to her attention as she is the Spencer Township Neighborhood Center Director. She feels she needs to protect the seniors in her program if there is sexual harassment potential.

James Morgan, resident, informed Trustee Valentine he acted on hearsay by writing a letter to the Board of Elections because he never witnessed any type of sexual harassment. He asked Trustee Valentine why was the polling place changed? Why not fix the problem instead of changing the polling place.

Trustee Hood stated his opinion on the matter. He explained the Township has voted at the Neighborhood Center for the past 40 years. There has never been a problem. He feels the public is saying that the convenience has been taken away. Trustee Hood explained he had no knowledge of the voting change request until he received a letter in the mail from the Board of Elections. Trustee Hood feels the police should have been brought into the matter if there was some type of sexual harassment.

Trustee Hood feels other people's rights and concerns need to be brought into play.

There was heated discussion from the public when the meeting was adjourned.

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

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Dawn E. McDonald  
Fiscal Officer

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Shawn P. Valentine  
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

X

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Michael B. Hood  
Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

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Teresa M. Bettinger  
Trustee