

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting December 19, 2019

Trustee Shawn P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

## Roll Call

Trustee Shawn P. Valentine	present
Trustee Kristopher C. Ruhl	present
Trustee Michael B. Hood	

## Pledge to the Flag

## Zoning

Mr. Hebans, legal representative for the Township gave a presentation of the pending zoning changes.

The Fiscal Officer swore in Mr. Jacob Barnes. He informed the Board the text amendments (zoning changes) have been available for review for quite some time and all Trustees have had them in their possession.

As technology advances, the zoning needs of the Township also need to change.

The goal is allow residents or businesses to use the Spencer Township Zoning Code and find what they need as it aligns with the Ohio Revised Code.

These text amendments were reviewed by the Lucas County Planning Commission Mr. Barnes explained.

Mr. Hebans stated Mr. Barnes did a really good job with these text amendments. From a legal standpoint the amendments are totally sufficient.

Trustee Hood stated the amendments are reasonable and he has no questions.

Trustee Ruhl congratulated Mr. Barnes on the good job he did with the zoning amendments.

Trustee Hood made a motion to approve the updated zoning text amendments, Trustee Ruhl seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee valentine: yes.

Trustee Hood made a motion to go into executive session at 7:09pm to discuss the potential purchase of property, Trustee Ruhl seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee valentine: yes.

Trustee Hood made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:40pm, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee valentine: yes.

Bill Harbert from the Lucas County Planning Commission presented his comments on the zoning amendments. He stated Spencer was in need of updated zoning rules.

Trustee Valentine asked Mr. Harbert if the Planning Commission could help with updating the Township's land use plan. Mr. Harbert said the Planning Commission is very busy right now, but they are always willing to help.

Trustee Valentine expressed that Jacob Barnes, zoning consultant, will help with an updated Land use plan. Mr. Barnes said he is willing to help.

### **Misc.**

Trustee Valentine explained there is no conflict of interest with Trustee Ruhl sitting on the BZA Board and being a Trustee, so he is not resigning as an alternate on the BZA Board. There were no issues with the other Trustees.

Trustee Hood questioned the open position formerly held by Mr. James Morgan. He stated Mr. Morgan has served on the Board many years successfully and is against this position being filled by Mr. Wayne Hoover. There was discussion on decisions the BZA Board has made for the Township.

Trustee Hood thinks it is fair to find out if Mr. Morgan is interested in still serving on the BZA Board.

Trustee Ruhl stated Mr. Morgan displayed inappropriate behavior during Township meetings that makes him question Mr. Morgan's judgment.

Trustee Ruhl made a motion to place Wayne Hoover from an alternate position to a full member of the BZA Board, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: no, Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee valentine: yes.

There was discussion on transferring \$1million to the revolving loan fund that is administered by the Lucas County Port Authority. Trustee Hood asked what the sense of urgency was to get this done with 1 week left in the year. Trustee Ruhl stated he was appointed to do what is best for the Township fiscally.

Trustee Ruhl made a motion to transfer \$1million to the revolving loan fund that is ran by the Lucas County Port Authority, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: abstain, Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

## **Road**

Tim Bowes gave a report. We are at 102 tons of salt. We have not used that much.

He would like trees removed in the area where the Township will compost.

## **Closeout**

Trustee Hood made a motion to give the Fiscal Officer permission to pay any bills for the remainder of 2019, Trustee Ruhl seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee valentine: yes.

Trustee Hood made a motion to give the Fiscal Officer permission to close out the financial books for 2019, Trustee Ruhl seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee Valentine: yes.

Trustee Hood made a motion for the Township to pay the expenses of Trustee Ruhl attending the Toledo Chamber of Commerce Leadership class, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Hood: yes, Trustee Ruhl: yes, Trustee valentine: yes.

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No comments

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

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Dawn E. McDonald  
Fiscal Officer

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Shawn P. Valentine  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Michael B. Hood  
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Kristopher C. Ruhl  
Trustee

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