

Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

August 6, 2020

Chair of the Board, Michael B. Hood called the meeting to order

Roll Call

Trustee Valentine	present
Trustee Anderson	present
Trustee Hood	present

Pledge to the Flag

Minutes

The meetings from July 2, 2020 and July 20, 2020 were presented to the Board.

Trustee Valentine made a motion to accept the minutes from July 2, 2020, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Valentine: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Trustee Valentine made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 20, 2020 special meeting. Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Valentine: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Financials

Receipts	\$191,914.55
Payments	\$58,411.45

Fund Balances

General	\$1,379,338.84
Motor Vehicle License	\$24,041.60
Gas Tax	\$176,143.86
Fire	\$109,126.26
Permissive	\$51,924.55
Misc. Special Revenue	\$7,742.50
Misc. Capital Projects	<u>\$59,989.29</u>
	\$1,808,306.90

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

Pay the Bills

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

Zoning

No report

BZA

Lakeesha Sullivan has a draft copy available and is waiting for Jacob Barnes to approve them. Jacob Barnes was not in attendance at the meeting tonight.

A pond permit was presented to the BZA Board and it was passed.

Road

The report was presented to the Board.

A motion to purchase 75 ton of salt from Lucas County at \$79.85/ton was requested. The total cost would be \$5988.75. There is 47-ton leftover from last year. Trustee Anderson made the motion to purchase the salt, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Valentine: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

The maintenance department would like to host Fall Dumpster days on October 23 from 7am to 4pm and October 24 from 7am to 12pm. Trustee Anderson made the motion, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Valentine: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Bids were presented to consider replacement of the front door on the Town Hall and the removal of tile in the lobby of the Town Hall. Both of these matters were tabled with the request for more bids.

Trustee Valentine questioned if Mr. Mike Varanese was contacted to make repairs on the roof he installed. No response, the Board will contact legal counsel.

Fire

No report

JEDZ

JEDZ disbursement for the second quarter of 2020.

Total Withholding	\$210,126.01
Board approved expenses	(\$450.00)
Refunds	<u>(\$6288.70)</u>
Net Tax Revenue	\$203,387.31
Spencer 75%	\$152,540.48
Whitehouse 25%	\$50,846.83

LaTonya Boyd gave the report.

She gave an explanation of the JEDZ Board and the area that the Joint economic development zone encompasses. She also explained the grants that are available to the businesses located in the West Winds Industrial Park. She said the Board meets via teleconference. She explained Jacob Barnes agreed to compile information for all the businesses the JEDZ collects income taxes from not to exceed \$2000.

Trustee Valentine asked why the Board was using Jacob Barnes when Jordan Daugherty from Whitehouse could have given us the information. Mrs. Boyd stated Jordan Daugherty was there when Jacob Barnes was voted to conduct the study.

Correspondence

The Lucas County Health Department is requesting all municipalities require face coverings in their buildings.

There was discussion on a Ferguson credit application. Trustee Anderson will look into this matter.

OTARMA sent out \$1038.68 in excess reserve funds. All of its members received a refund.

OTARMA also sent out its annual report.

Teresa Bettinger has a question and Trustee Hood stated that due to Covid 19, no questions from the public will be entertained.

Teresa Bettinger asked why there were no minutes and audios on the website. Trustee Hood explained the current status of the website. There is no one with the technical no how to update the website. Dan Lawrence Graphics is in the process of getting the website set up.

Trustee Hood questioned the status of the Spencer Township website. Trustee Hood stated Dan Lawrence was not hired to operate as the Township's IT person. He will contact him to see if he is interested in taking on this position.

The Fiscal Officer wanted to publicly state that former IT consultant, Jim Baum, has been very helpful with the Township during this transition.

Old Business

Trustee Valentine asked for the status of the solid waste district. Trustee Hood explained, it is still ongoing. The Township is in the process of getting a physical count of residents in the Township. There is no information regarding the solid waste district to give currently Trustee Hood explained.

Trustee Anderson gave a rough estimate of \$60k to \$70k a year for 3 years for trash collection from the 1 bid the Township received.

Trustee Valentine asked if the Township is going to buy out the resident's current trash contracts, Trustee Hood stated that has not been discussed.

Trustee Valentine stated municipalities in the state are running from contracting services such as trash. It is more competitive for the residents.

Trustee Hood stated there are at least 2 to 3 other entities that are undertaking trash collection.

Trustee Valentine said there are 2 ways to do this, put it on the ballot and let the public decide or the trustees can vote to enter the solid waste district.

Trustee Anderson explained he is trying to provide services in the Township with the dollars the Township has in its possession.

Trustee Valentine questioned the cost of the medical insurance. He asked why there was a no co-pay provision for the medical insurance. He feels it's a Cadillac healthcare package. He thinks the Board should pay a portion of the insurance. He feels it is greedy.

Trustee Anderson explained benefits are a way to get talented individuals and everyone signed up for the insurance including Trustee Valentine.

Trustee Valentine asked about the 3 parcels sold for \$100/lot. Why did the Board sell the property for such a small amount? Trustee Hood explained the properties were livable and should have never been demolished.

Trustee Hood asked why Trustee Valentine was meeting with LMHA to purchase the apartments in Oak Grove for \$1,000,000, to tear them down.

Trustee Anderson said we are trustees, not real estate developers.

Trustee Valentine asked about the purchase request to purchase land off of Eber Road for \$24,000.

Teresa Bettinger asked why 3 parcels were sold for \$100/lot when the Township spent well over \$85,000 on the property. The Board did not recognize her question.

New Business

Trustee Anderson presented a bid for ditch cleaning on Schwamberger Road from Dorr to Frankfort which includes jetting all drive culverts.

Trustee Hood asked about the current ditch cleaning projects in the Township. Trustee Anderson gave a report. So far Schwamberger (Bancroft to Dorr) has been cleaned and Drennen ditch has been cleared.

There was further conversation on the ditch cleaning.

Trustee Valentine stated the Township is "piece meal" the ditch project.

Trustee Hood stated he is in favor of putting a major project together or we can do it in steps.

Trustee Anderson also stated he is progressing the way he is going to save dollars for the Township, to control the costs. He does this type of work for a living.

Trustee Anderson made the motion to for the ditch clearing for \$14,650.00, Trustee Valentine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Valentine: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Trustee Anderson stated the zoning book needs to be reviewed, you now need to have 3 acres to build a home now. He wishes it to be lowered back down to 1 acre. He feels like there are other changes in the zoning book to benefit the Parks.

Trustee Valentine explained the benefit of 3 acres is about retaining property in private hands. He also explained leech beds expansion is affected as well as maintaining property values.

There was further discussion on the three-acre change.

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

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Dawn E. McDonald
Fiscal Officer

X

Michael B. Hood
Chair of the Board of Trustees

X

Dean Anderson
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

X

Shawn P. Valentine
Trustee