

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting October 7, 2021

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

## Roll Call

Trustee Dean Anderson	present
Trustee Michael B. Hood	present
Trustee Shawn P. Valentine	absent

The Fiscal Officer, Dawn McDonald, was not present at the meeting

## Pledge to the Flag

## Minutes

Trustee Anderson made a motion to accept the September minutes with any necessary corrections, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

## Financials

Receipts	\$42,434.12
Payments	\$61,157.58

## Fund Balances

General	\$2,414,776.83
Motor Vehicle	\$25,498.77
Gas Tax	\$74,449.33
Road and Bridge	\$38,790.00
Fire	\$106,574.05
Permissive Motor	\$64,918.31
Corona Virus	\$0.00
American Rescue Plan	\$88,333.72
Misc. Special Revenue	\$8,781.18
Misc. Capital Projects	<u>\$64,640.60</u>
	\$2,886,762.79

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

<b>FUND</b>	<b>ESTIMATED 2022 UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JANUARY 1</b>	<b>BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>	<b>TOTAL BALANCE AND REVENUE</b>
<b>List All Funds Individually</b>			
<b>1a. General Fund</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>104,000</b>	<b>2,104,000</b>
<b>1b. American Rescue Plan</b>	<b>88,300</b>	<b>99,250</b>	<b>187,550</b>
<b>1c. Intergovernmental Revenue JEDZ</b>		<b>850,000</b>	<b>850,000</b>
<b>2. Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>25,200</b>
<b>3. Road and Bridge</b>	<b>23,700</b>		<b>23,700</b>
<b>4. Gasoline Tax Fund</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>139,044</b>	<b>197,044</b>
<b>5. Fire</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>176,000</b>
<b>14. Miscellaneous Special Revenue</b>	<b>8,780</b>		<b>8,780</b>
<b>6. Permanent Capital Project Fund</b>	<b>64,640</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>69,640</b>
<b>24. Permissive Sales Tax Fund</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>76,600</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,418,420</b>	<b>1,300,094</b>	<b>3,718,514</b>

The 2022 Estimate of Revenues were presented. Trustee Anderson made a motion to accept the estimate, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

#### **Pay the Bills**

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

#### **Zoning**

Jacob Barnes, Zoning Consultant, gave the zoning report. Mr. Barnes has been surveying the residential character in the Township. He has been monitoring the properties that may be in violation, but it is difficult to get proof for court. Currently, the courts are requiring a lot of evidence in zoning cases.

There was discussion on one of the current zoning violation cases in the Township. Trustees Anderson and Hood both stated they wish the zoning violators would be the commercial taxes they should be paying instead of residential.

Tim Bowes, maintenance department, asked if anything was being done about the property on the corner of Short Hill and Meilke. Mr. Barnes stated he is working with the resident.

Mr. Barnes again stated the courts seem disinterested in Zoning cases.

Mr. Barnes plans on meeting with Spencer legal defense, Mr. Heban to discuss current Spencer court cases regarding zoning matters.

Mr. Barnes mention the Township continues to work with Mr. Barnaby. The Lucas County Prosecutor is also involved in this matter he mentioned.

Permits were issued this month, approval of the electronic message center that will be on the corner of Frankfort and Meilke was approved and there was discussion on upcoming permits.

Mr. Barnes mentioned 10900 is currently zoned M1. There was discussion about the history of this zoning designation and how the surrounding neighbors of this property were against the zoning ruling.

Trustee Hood mentioned zoning is supposed to protect the residents. He mentioned this property used to be zoned RA and it needs to return to that designation. After more discussion, Trustee Anderson made a motion to give Mr. Barnes permission to start the process of returning the zoning at 10900 Shaffer from M1 to residential agricultural (RA), Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Trustee Hood also asked Mr. Barnes to inform the Metroparks, the Township wishes zoning to be consistent in the Township and to let them know about this new zoning change that will take place once all the permits and meetings take place.

Mr. Barnes mentioned a JEDZ inventory is due soon, it should happen every 6 months.

Trustee Anderson asked Mr. Barnes about the zoning complaint from Ray Croskey Jr. against his neighbor regarding a commercial vehicle and the size of the property over size regulation. Mr. Barnes stated the commercial vehicle complaint is borderline.

BZA

No meeting

Jacky Dale, resident, came forward and gave her credentials to fill the open spot on the BZA Board. After discussion, Trustee Anderson made a motion to appoint Ms. Dale to the unexpired term on the BZA Board, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

One alternate position remains on the BZA Board.

Jamie Miller from the City of Toledo came to discuss the City's interest in obtaining an access easement in the Township. The property is located on a 911 pole by the fire station. The city wants to install a water meter reading device on the pole. There was much discussion on the matter. In the end, the city offered the Township \$1300 for the easement on the property.

Trustee Anderson expressed deep concern that the City plans on passing the expense of this project back to the residents of Lucas County, but more specifically Spencer Township. Ms. Miller stated no matter what the costs will be recouped over time from all residents.

After more discussion, Jacob Barnes stated the motion for the Township to allow the City of Toledo to execute an access easement at 9545 Frankfort Road for the purpose of installing the water metering device including what's laid out in exhibit A for the one-time cost of \$1300. Trustee Anderson made the motion, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

#### Road

Tim Bowes, maintenance department, gave the report. Dumpster days will be held on 10/8 and 10/9 at the Township Hall.

The Schwamberger Road ditch clearing project is running behind because of all the rain, the new leaf box was installed, the sink hole at 316 Oak Hill Court is on hold (repair company is waiting on parts).

Mr. Bowes mentioned he and Mr. Croskey attended an equipment showcase and ran into the manufacturer of the Freight Liner truck the Township purchased. The Company came out and accessed the vehicle and determined it was never "calibrated" correctly when the Township purchased it. They will come back and set all the levels correctly that will save the Township money over time.

The Springfield Fire Department asked permission to take down a wall at the fire station, after discussion the board gave them permission.

Jacky Dale asked about leaves covering drains on her street. Mr. Bowes said the maintenance department will be more diligent in checking the sewers. Mrs. Dale also questioned a streetlight that has been out for some time. Mr. Bowes explained he has contacted Toledo Edison and they too are waiting on parts that don't seem to come in. He will call Toledo Edison again.

Mr. Bowes presented a decommissioned equipment list (attached to the permanent minutes). Trustee Anderson made a motion to decommission and place on gov deals, Trustee Hood seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

#### Fire

Chief Cousino emailed the fire report:

Rescues	43
Fires	3

JEDZ

JEDZ Board member, Steve Kester, gave the report. The Board decided to start meeting quarterly starting in January 2022

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Public Comments

Resident Jack Gulvas asked for an update on cable television in the Township. Trustee Anderson explained a meeting was held with Buckeye and will be scheduled with Spectrum. The cable project will happen, but this is a long-term project.

Mr. Gulvas asked if the Township can spray for mosquitoes. Mr. Anderson stated the liability it too severe. The County is not spraying for the same reason he explained. Mr. Bowes offered a suggestion of a larvicide treatment the County is offering.

Mr. Gulvas complimented how the ditches did their job during the last heavy rain. Mr. Bowes explained the last heavy rain was the heaviest rain in 100 years according to the county. Mr. Warner from the Engineer's office came out to survey how the ditches held up and took note of the opportunities still on Schwamberger Road.

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

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Dawn E McDonald  
Fiscal Officer

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Michael B. Hood  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Dean Anderson  
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Shawn P. Valentine  
Trustee