

# Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

## May 4, 2023

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

### Roll Call

Trustee Steve Kester	present
Trustee Dean Anderson	present
Trustee Michael B. Hood	present

### Pledge to the Flag

### Minutes

The minutes from both the April 6, 2023 and April 20, 2023, meetings are prepared and have been reviewed. Trustee Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes, Trustee Kester seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

### Financials

Receipts	\$300,619.46
Payments	\$61,887.97

### Fund Reports

General	\$2,657,156.45
Motor Vehicle License	\$22,780.44
Gas Tax	\$89,849.48
Road and Bridge	\$85,763.58
Fire	\$114,700.58
Permissive Motor	\$78,166.69
American Rescue Plan	\$136,984.87
Misc. Special Revenue	\$1,038.18
Misc. Capital Projects	<u>\$98,419.74</u>
	\$3,284,860.01

Trustee Anderson asked the Fiscal Officer to reach out to Klumm Brothers regarding the fuel surcharge. Gas is less expensive, and this charge should be removed he mentioned.

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

### **Pay the Bills**

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

### **Zoning**

Jacob Barnes, Zoning Inspector, gave the report.

Mr. Barnes gave a quick update on the Land Use Plan.

Final plans signed off for Clarios addition.

2001 Schwamberger, the owners' have been issued a citation by Lucas County regarding the pond and an inspection is scheduled for next week by the County.

Trustee Kester made a motion to go into executive session with Jacky Dale at 7:13pm to meet with the Township's attorney regarding pending or imminent court action, to consider the purchase of property and to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Trustee Kester made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:54pm, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

### **BZA**

There was a meeting this past month. No recap was given.

There is a vacant position on the BZA Board with 2 years remaining.

Trustee Hood entertained a motion to appoint Adam Thomas to the remaining term of the position. Trustee Anderson made the motion, Trustee Kester seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

BZA alternate member, Dean Koepke, sent a letter of concern about his place on the Board. His work schedule has changed, and he is concerned he cannot make the meetings. Trustee Hood suggested he could resign, and re-appointment could be considered later. Trustee Anderson said he could stay on since he is an alternate. The Board left it at that Mr. Koepke can make his own decision.

### **Road**

Road employee, Tim Bowes gave the road report.

Regarding the abandoned barrels, the Ohio EPA has removed 4 drums and the County has removed 4 drums. 2 need to be dug out by Ohio EPA. They will keep the Township posted.

The Township was notified by the Lucas County Engineers office they can no longer store our winter road salt. The Township picked up 45 tons last month from the county and it is now being stored in the Township salt bin. 55 tons remain at the County.

Demolition is done on 9360 Frankfort.

3 bids for concreting the rest of the Township driveway were presented for consideration. There was discussion and this was tabled, we are waiting on complete bids.

Mr. Bowes presented an estimate for services by Blanchard Tree and Lawn. The services would cover weed and fertilizer application at Angola and Crissey, Township Hall, and the Fire Station. The estimate includes 5 applications of fertilizer and weed control through the end of the year.

Trustee Hood entertained a motion to accept the contract not to exceed \$2000. Trustee Kester made the motion, Trustee Anderson seconded. . Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Mr. Bowes stated the Township has requested from the County replacement of a missing road sign located in Oak Grove Estates.

## **Fire**

John Ziehr, Battalion Chief, gave the report.

Fire 7  
EMS 14  
Total 21

Toledo Edison has been out to conduct training on electrical safety.

The Fire Station has had pump and draft training.

Training on trauma occurred over the past month.

Training on PPE and SBA occurred over the past month.

He mentioned St. Luke's hospital is closing May 8th and will no longer accept emergency patients. He mentioned the free-standing alternatives.

He mentioned the Angola Road closure has caused them to have to navigate around it. Spencer Township will still get the closest unit during an emergency.

Trustee Kester asked about the response times out in the Western part of the Township. Battalion Chief Ziehr explained their 2-minute readiness procedure. He will ask Chief Cousino to review the runs and give statistics for the Western part of the Township.

Trustee Hood asked if the fire department had to get permission to draft water from a resident's pond, he stated no, in emergency situations they can access the nearest water source.

### **JEDZ**

The 1st quarter JEDZ disbursement was received.

Total	\$333,162.14
Spencer	\$249,871.61
Whitehouse	\$83,290.54

### **Correspondence**

The 2023 semipublic sewage treatment system operation and maintenance fee was received the Lucas County Health Department. Our fee was waived since we are a Township.

Financial assistance for the Whitehouse Spencer Road and Old State Line Roadway Improvements from OPWC has been approved.

### **Old Business**

Trustee Kester is meeting with the Engineers from Buckeye Cable regarding Broadband cable in the Township.

### **New Business**

A quote was received from Mosquito Fighters LLC. It includes 9 miles of Spencer Township roads, a spray vehicle, support, and safety vehicle to follow and 2 employees and materials. The bid was for \$1485.00. Trustee Kester made a motion to approve the bid as needed since it is expected to be a bad season due to the mild winter, Trustee Anderson seconded. . Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

### **Open to the Public**

Ben Bomlitz, Coordinator of the Kitty Todd Preserve based on Old State Line Road presented the Township with a gift.

He mentioned prescribed burning will be starting up again. He mentioned it is the best method to help the endangered species in our area.

Trustee Anderson stated the burning leaves lots of ash.

Kitty Todd is assisting with the algal bloom Mr. Bomlitz explained.

Trustee Anderson stated the gift is nice, but it doesn't compensate for the lost revenue base due to the parks.

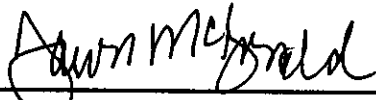
There was conversation on the prescribed burn. Mr. Bomlitz explained it is not a controlled burn.

Mr. Bomlitz explained by law, they must inform residents in the prescribed area there will be a burn nearby.

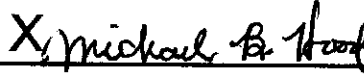
Trustee Hood asked if the Fire department is notified prior to the burn, he stated yes, as well as the 180th.

Darren Fitzpatrick asked if copies could be made of the survey that was sent to residents. The Trustees informed him yes.

Trustee Kester made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

X 

Dawn McDonald  
Fiscal Officer

X 

Michael B. Hood  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

X 

Dean Anderson  
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

X

Steve Kester  
Trustee