

Spencer Township Trustee Meeting

September 7, 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

Trustee Kester made a motion to approve the minutes from August 3, 2023, and August 17, 2023, with any necessary corrections, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Financials

Receipts \$435,320.46
Payments \$51,327.03

Fund Reports

General	\$2,640,421.38
Motor Vehicle	\$23,797.42
Gas Tax	\$99,870.82
Road and Bridge	\$103,738.58
Fire	\$145,672.69
Permissive Motor	\$86,529.18
American Rescue	\$136,984.87
Misc. Special Revenue	\$1,038.18
Misc. Capital Projects	<u>\$98,419.74</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$3,336,472.86

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

Pay the Bills

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

Zoning

A findings of fact statement was read by the Fiscal Officer concerning the conduct of Wayne Hoover of the BZA Board.

To summarize, Mr. Hoover was correctly suspended from the BZA Board for his unprofessional conduct at the April 27, 2023, BZA meeting.

The findings also indicated that the unprofessional conduct does not require his removal from the BZA Board. The Board therefore declared that Mr. Hoover’s suspension be lifted effective immediately.

Trustee Kester made the motion to affirm that Mr. Wayne Hoover has fulfilled his suspension from the Spencer Township Board of Zoning Appeals and from this day, September 7, 2023, may carry out his duties as a member of the BZA for the reason stated in the Findings of Fact, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes,

Jacob Barnes gave the Zoning report.

Violations were issued.

305 Oak Terrace: A final notice was issued ordering the removal of the illegally placed structure. In process of being filed in court.

He is working on numerous complaint investigations.

Permits were issued.

Trustee Anderson asked what the status was with Steve’s Tree service. Mr. Barnes will investigate the matter.

BZA

No meeting

JEDZ

2nd quarter JEDZ distribution was received:

Spencer Township (75%)	\$294,056.31
Whitehouse (25%)	<u>\$98,018.77</u>
Total	\$392,075.08

The JEDZ Business inventory was completed by Mr. Barnes.

Sonia Green submitted her letter of resignation from the JEDZ Board.

Trustee Hood asked for a motion to appoint James Morgan to fill the spot opened by Sonia Green. Trustee Anderson made the motion, Trustee Kester seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Trustee Hood explained Willis Baucom has been inactive on the JEDZ due to his work schedule. Trustee Kester made a motion to remove him from the JEDZ Board, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to appoint Michael Hood to the JEDZ Board to fill the spot opened by Mr. Baucom, Trustee Kester seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Trustee Kester made a motion to go into executive session at 7:15 PM to meet with the Township's attorney and zoning inspector regarding pending or imminent court act; 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 7:35p, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Road

Tim Bowes gave the road report.

He gave an update on parts and the operation of the rotary cutter.

Last month's request to purchase the excavator was revisited. A Used Case CX80-C excavator and bucket was brought into consideration. There was discussion on the purchase and presentation of the bids. The total cost of the excavator and bucket would be \$66,000.96. Per the opinion from the Lucas County Prosecutor, this equipment does not have to go out for a competitive bid as it is under \$75,000 and will not be used for constructing, reconstructing, maintaining, and repairing of roads and culverts. Trustee Kester made the motion to purchase the excavator and bucket, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Sourcewell is an organization that ensures the lowest price available (state pricing) for large purchases of equipment. Participation with Sourcewell is free of charge. There was discussion.

Trustee Anderson made a motion for the Township to join Sourcewell for large equipment purchases, Trustee Kester seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Trustee Anderson explained that the Township currently owns 3 vintage jeeps that are commonly known as brush buggies. There was discussion on their current use.

One of them is currently used for power washing purposes.

Trustee Anderson also explained that the Township owns a 1999 Ford F450 Truck and plow that is no longer needed.

He is asking that the 1954 Willys Brush Buggy Serial 41422 and 1955 Willys Brush Buggy 155B along with the 1999 Ford F450SD VIN 1FDXF47FXEA05679 all be decommissioned and placed on Gov Deals for sale.

Trustee Anderson made the motion to decommission the 3 items above, Trustee Kester seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

The bids for Gov Deals are as follows:

\$8000 for F450 Ford Truck with snowplow
\$3000 for each Jeep

Trustee Anderson made the motion for the minimum bids, Trustee Kester seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Consideration for vibrators on the dump trucks was tabled pending more information for a comparison of the bids received.

Fire

Charlie Butler gave the report.

24 Runs
19 EMS/Rescue
5 Fire

Ladder safety was some of the training that occurred over the past month.

Correspondence

OTARMA proxy statement was received. This person would be the liaison for all things OTARMA. There was discussion and Trustee Kester made a motion that the Fiscal Officer would be the liaison for Spencer Township regarding all things OTARMA, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Vertical Bridge reached out to the Township. They are interested in developing a wireless communication facility in our community. The Board discussed and was not interested.

Trustee Kester made a motion to pay Mosquito Fighters for the most recent spraying, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Old Business

Buckeye Broadband is still going over their surveys Trustee Kester explained.

Trustee Anderson asked if the rock blockage has been removed at Angola and Crissey. Mr. Bowes will double check, but he is quite sure the blockage has been removed.

New Business

The Fiscal Officer asked that her 11-year-old computer be decommissioned, and she have permission to purchase a replacement. There was discussion.

Trustee Kester made the motion to decommission the old computer and approve the purchase of a new one with Apple Care not to exceed \$2000, Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Kester: yes, Trustee Anderson: yes, Trustee Hood: yes.

Open to the Public

Trustee Hood invited the community to the Spencer Sharples High School Reunion that will be held September 29th and 30th at the Spencer Neighborhood Center and the building formerly called the Drop In Center.

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

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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