



**Call to Order:** Supervisor Walls called the September 27, 2018 Special Meeting of the Springfield Township Board to order at 8:31 a.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present**

Collin W. Walls	Township Supervisor
Laura Moreau	Township Clerk
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Marc Cooper	Township Trustee
Judy Hensler	Township Trustee
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee

**Board Members Absent**

None

**Others present:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Tax Rate Request

**Treasurer Dubre moved to approve the 2018 Tax Rate Request as presented. Supported by Trustee Cooper. Vote on the motion: Yes: Cooper, Dubre, Hensler, Hopper, Moreau, Vallad, and Walls; No: None; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.**

2. Ordinance Officer

Supervisor Walls explained that he recently had the opportunity to talk with Paul Aska, former Ordinance Enforcement Officer, about returning part-time to help with enforcement. Mr. Aska is now retired and is available and interested in the position. The goal initially is that Mr. Aska would work in coordination with the current ordinance officer but concentrate primarily on the commercial and industrial areas. The plan had been to add a second Ordinance Enforcement Officer in 2019 but the 2018 budget can cover an additional 10-12 hours per week.



**Trustee Hopper moved to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Mr. Aska for an additional part-time Ordinance Enforcement Officer for the remainder of 2018. Supported by Treasurer Dubre. Vote on the motion: Yes: Cooper, Dubre, Hensler, Hopper, Moreau, Vallad, and Walls; No: None; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.**

3. Township Welcome Sign Landscape—establish committee and budget

Supervisor Walls distributed a landscape plan proposal prepared by Joe Hagan of Upcott's Landscaping & Design. Mr. Hagan designed the landscape for both of the new fire stations and did a great job. This proposal incorporates as many existing plants as possible but is a different plan than what the Township started with last time. Mr. Hagan's goal is to add more color, provide longer and varied bloom time, and improve the curb appeal. The drawing is shown with the plants at maturity; the plantings will be spaced to fill out properly. Supervisor Walls recommends approving the plan but also to appoint a 2-3 person committee to make any final decisions or changes, as needed. The proposed total budget is \$45,000 which includes all plantings and materials, irrigation, grass restoration, and first year maintenance.

Clerk Moreau stated she is disappointed that the revised plan does not incorporate more native plants. She had many questions for Mr. Hagan when they met yesterday and now accepts that a total use of native material would be a maintenance challenge and would not achieve the right look for the entrance. Clerk Moreau revisited the Dixie Highway Design Guidelines and notes that native plants are encouraged, not required; therefore, she believes the plan fits the Guidelines and is still appropriate as a demonstration project for Dixie streetscape.

Board members discussed the plants selected and the revised plan.

Trustee Cooper stated that he still believes the plan is too excessive for sign landscape. Clerk Moreau noted that this project is more than just landscape for a business sign—it is the gateway to the Township.

Trustee Hopper noted that the site will require irrigation if these plantings are going to have the best chance of survival.

Supervisor Walls explained that the intent is to irrigate with a drip system that would be installed under the mulch. The goal is to tie into the irrigation system at Waypoint



Church. Supervisor Walls will talk to Mr. Hagan and Pastor Horvath regarding how and where to connect, and also to coordinate when the irrigation system will be shut down for the winter.

Supervisor Walls explained that the existing fir trees could be relocated. Board members supported offering the trees to Waypoint Church since they would no longer be needed and there would be an expense to relocate away from the site.

**Treasurer Dubre moved to appoint Supervisor Walls, Clerk Moreau, and Trustee Hensler to make final decisions on plantings, and to establish a budget of \$45,000 for landscape at the Township entrance sign as proposed by Upcott's Landscaping & Design in their plan dated September 25, 2018. Supported by Trustee Dubre. Vote on the motion: Yes: Dubre, Hensler, Hopper, Moreau, Vallad, and Walls; No: Cooper; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote.**

4. Additional items as unanimously agreed  
None

**Adjourned:** 8:58 a.m.

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Collin W. Walls, Supervisor

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Laura Moreau, Clerk