Village of Spencer

Council Meeting of March 18, 2020

**Council members present:**  Jim Stangel Jordan Ternes Tom Gehring Crystal Johnson Jeff Gauchat

**Others present:** Mayor DeRossett Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor

Chief Mike Wright Jim Coleman

Mayor DeRossett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the February 19, 2020 meeting were read individually and a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2020, meeting made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**Treasurer is Report:**

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report made by Johnson, seconded by Ternes, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**List of Bills**:

The list of bills were reviewed. A motion to approve the list of bills made by Johnson, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**Gov’t entities discussion**

* + Mayor DeRossett informed everyone that the fish fry’s and the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny were both cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**Mayor’s report: Dan DeRossett:**

* Mayor DeRossett discussed the Covid-19 guidelines that the village is following including not allowing the general public into the building unless absolutely necessary. He also reported on the health department and police chief’s association’s health department update.

**Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber:** Nothing to report

* Mayor DeRossett asked Huber if he ever looked into the law pertaining to having an alternate on the planning commission. DeRossett went on to say that Richard Wolf had resigned and he had appointed Jim Coleman to replace him. Huber said he had not looked into it.

**Finance: Crystal Johnson:**

* Johnson reported that the committee did not have a meeting. The next meeting will be April 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**Streets, Sidewalks &Sanitation: Jim Stangel:**

* Stangel reported that Nils Johnson had come and looked at the catch basin in question on Forrest Avenue and he said that it looked good to him, saying that once it is graded and seeded it should be fine. Johnson asked Stangel to look at Stuart Drive saying there was a pretty good pot hole in the road. Stangel will check it out.

**Legislative and Planning:**

* Mayor DeRossett reported that they had a meeting the night before for an addition on West Main that was approved, saying they did not need a variance after all. They are also having a site plan review hearing on March 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the LMRE headquarters and proposed street review. He went on to say that Gordi issued a fence permit for West Main and for the addition.
  + Also discussed was the house on Lorain owned by Harchbarger’s that is falling into disrepair. Mayor DeRossett is having pictures taken of it to forward to Huber to see what can be done about it, citing there are raccoons and other animals in there as well.
  + Mayor also wants to go over the stand alone zoning ordinances and revamp them.

P**arks/Buildings & Lighting: Jeff Gauchat:**

* Jeff met with Todd about the paint striper and they will continue to look at different ones. Ternes said she was looking at grants for the playground equipment and asked if anyone knew the age of the existing equipment, as that is one of the questions on the grants. No one had a clear answer for her.

**Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring**

* The mayor and Chief Wright reported on OPATA training for the officers, CPR training as well as the E-ticket program being put on hold. Wright said they put in for a vest grant that would allow them to purchase custom fit vests for about $.025 on the dollar from the Attorney General’s Office.
  + Wright also asked to purchase ammunition, and a motion to approve up to $1,000.00 for ammunition pending approval of funds from Ramey, made by Stangel, seconded by Johnson with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
  + Wright explained the E-ticket program issue; explaining that the new software system they have does not support the E-ticket program and that they are looking for answers into it.
* The next meeting will be April 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Fiscal Officer’s Report: Sheri Ramey:**

* Ramey read the following legislation by title only:

Resolution R1-20

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE Supplemental appropriations for line items within the POLICE FUND (2901) AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY**

A motion to waive the three reading requirement was made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Ternes “yes”, Johnson “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution R1-20 as an emergency made by Johnson seconded by Gehring with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Ternes “yes”, Johnson “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 4-20

**an ordinance superseding ordinance no.10-17 adopting by laws and rules approved by the spencer village board of public affairs necessary for the safe, economical and efficient management and protection of the spencer village public water supply and declarng an emergency**

A motion to waive the three reading requirement was made by Stangel, seconded by Johnson with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Ternes “yes”, Johnson “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 4-20 as an emergency made by Gehring seconded by Stangel with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Ternes “yes”, Johnson “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

**Audience:**

* Jim Coleman addressed asked why they don’t see if they can rent or borrow a paint striper for the streets instead of buying one.

**Old Business:**

* Stangel informed council that Tim Mennell wanted them to know that the 4th of July celebration is slated for July 3rd and 4th this year. He explained that the celebration at the park would be on the 3rd with the fireworks, the parade will still be on the 4th as well as the fishing derby. He said they are looking in to more community involvement with kick ball and corn-hole tournaments as a possibility.

**New Business:** Nothing to report

A motion to adjourn made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 7:50p.m.