

Village of Spencer  
Council Meeting of March 16, 2022

**Council members present:** Chris Krystofek Tom Gehring Jim Stangel  
Jeff Gauchat Jim Kiouis

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

Irene Gehring Jim Coleman David Arbogast Rob Lenhart Bev Zeigler  
Ken Homoki Laura Braddock Jim Myers Joel Bender Ed Charlton Kathy Grasz

Mayor DeRossett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Stangel seconded by Krystofek, 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 Stangel, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

**Gov't agencies etc.:**

- **Beautification Committee and Historical Society:**
  - Irene Gehring reported that the fish fry was cancelled due to the increase in costs.
  - Irene again reported that the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny would be on March 26th from 8:00a.m. until 10:30a.m.
- **BPA:**
  - Irene Gehring reported that Kathy Grasz LMRE was present at their last meeting and they discussed the water and sewer extension to the industrial park. Huber asked if they had an engineering estimate for the project and if LMRE had a performance bond. Grasz asked why they would need a performance bond for projects within the industrial park. Huber and Grasz went back and forth on the issue.
    - Ed Charlton discussed with council the potential for increasing the sewer capacity to a level II operation at the plant, and asked if that would be something that council would like them to pursue for future growth. The BPA would like to know council's feelings on the issue before they decide whether they would look into the expansion.
    - Kathy Grasz spoke to council about the sewer plant expansion; saying that until she had a clear picture as to what the village wants for the future, it is hard to market the industrial park based on not knowing the capacity that is needed and would be available, or what will be planned in the future.
    - The BPA asked that there be better communication on projects with them from council, and visa-versa.
- **Whittaker Myers Insurance:**
  - Joel Bender was present and gave council the update on the insurance, savings and increases that were part of the policy renewal. He explained that they re-indexed the values on everything so there was a slight increase on the premium.
    - A motion to accept the new policy and pricing made by Gauchat, seconded by Krystofek, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

**Mayor's report: Dan DeRossett...**

- Mayor reported that Todd inspected all the catch basins and none of them needed repairs. He said the state will adjust the height of that pavement when they resurface Rt 162 and Rt 301, as well as adjust any manholes.
- Mayor Discussed the North Main drainage problem and said that Todd was supposed to contact DARRS or Dynamerican to have them come and camera the issue so it can be fixed before ODOT resurfaces N. Main.

### **Solicitor's report: Greg Huber...**

- Huber reported that he had several calls from the mayor regarding the gas station selling gas after hours and adding coolers to the store, which is not zoned for being a convenience store. Huber said he would send them a letter if council so desired.
  - A motion to have Huber send Spencer Feed and strongly worded letter to address the violations made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

### **Finance: Tom Gehring: ...**

- Gehring reported that they went over the 2022 permanent appropriations as well as a new truck for streets, and the broadband and computer needs for the police department.
  - Gehring said that they conducted interviews for a new zoning inspector before the meeting. They had two applicants, Jim Coleman and Brandon Herrick.
    - Gehring said that the committee recommended that they hire Herrick as the new zoning inspector.
      - A motion to hire Brandon Herrick as zoning inspector made by Gehring, seconded by Gauchat with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.
- Next meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

### **Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jeff Gauchat:**

- The streets and parks committees met at the same time since they are the same members. Gauchat missed the meeting, but said they were waiting for the pre-con meeting with ODOT... No meeting scheduled at this time for April.
- Homoki said he would like to be informed of the paving on Rt. 301 and Rt 162 so he can locate valves that had previously been covered up, and to make sure there are no others covered during the project.

### **Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:**

- Krystofek reported that they had went over zoning ordinances and the LMRE easement and property lines for LMRE. Next meeting April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:**

- See streets committee report. In addition, Stangel said they discussed the beaver problem in the creek by Veteran's Memorial Park and said that they had someone who wanted to trap them. Huber advised against it and said they should contact ODNR and they would handle it more than likely. No meeting scheduled at this time for April.

### **Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouisis:**

- Kiouisis reported that they went pricing on leasing a new cruiser. Wright had been in discussions with a dealer out of state and they will report back.
- Kiouisis said they would be needing new tires for around \$625.00 as well.
- Kiouisis also reported that they had a meeting with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee about contracting with the sheriff.
- No meeting scheduled at this time for April.

### **Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ramey:**

- Ramey read by title only the following legislation:
  - Ordinance 5-22  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AXIOM SOLUTIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF CAT6 DATA CABLING AT THE VILLAGE SPENCER MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
    - A motion to waive the three-reading requirement was made by Kiouisis, seconded by Gauchat, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Kiouisis "yes". Motion carried 5-0.
    - A motion to adopt Ordinance 5-22 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Gauchat, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Kiouisis "yes". Motion carried 5-0.

- Ordinance 6-22  
**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
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**AUDIENCE:**

- Dave Arbogast, former Medina Township Chief and now consultant/instructor, presented Chief Wright with certificates for training of the department as part of the Ohio Collaborative.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Stangel, seconded by Kiouisis with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.