

AMENDED

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of March 15 , 2023

Council members present: Chris Krystofek Tom Gehring Jim Stangel
Jeff Gauchat Vanessa Walter Jim Kiouisis

Others present: Dan DeRossett, Mayor Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor
Irene Gehring Mike Wright Bev Zeigler Laura Braddock Todd Mosher

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 15, 2023 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023 meeting made by Walter, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

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 6-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills were reviewed. A motion to approve the list of bills made by Walter, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Gov’t agencies etc.:

- **Beautification Committee:**
 - Gehring reminded council about the breakfast with the Easter Bunny on March 25th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. She explained they could still use donations and mentioned that if there was not a good turn out, they would probably not do it anymore and just do the Santa breakfast only.
- **Historical Society:** Irene Gehring informed council that they have been working on the museum to get it prepped for the bicentennial. Bev Zeigler told council about the book sale and dinner for the bicentennial committee as well.
- **BPA: Irene Gehring:** Gehring reported that the BPA was raising water and sewer rates by 5% across the board. She said that it would only be a \$3.15 increase on a minimum bill per month. She cited it was to keep up with the increases from rural water (RLCWA) and to maintain the sewer plant as well.
 - Huber said that the trunk-line that runs from Lake Erie to the 1st pump station is in horrible shape and needs to be replaced, so the rates are only going to keep increasing when they replace that.

Mayor’s report: Dan DeRossett:

- Mayor reported that he hasn’t heard anything from the electrician about the apartment. Council discussed the building in general and if they should sell it instead of remodeling it, or tear it down for future expansion of the municipal building. Council discussed getting the building appraised and going from there.
 - A motion to have the legion building appraised made by Gehring, seconded by Walter with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
 - A motion to allow the mayor to spend up to \$3,000.00 to have the legion building appraised made by Walter, seconded by Kiouisis, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mayor discussed trying to get a forester in to look at the woods at the park, but has had no luck. Huber said he could ask the City of Medina’s forester to come look at it.
- Mayor discussed the fireworks laws and wanted council to look into passing an opt-out ordinance, banning them from being set off, sold, or in possession within village limits.
 - Kiouisis did not like the ban on the possession part and explained his reasoning.
 - Huber will look into other municipal opt-outs and report back.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber:

- Huber reported that he will draft an ordinance for swimming pools and said that a public hearing would have to be held since it was a zoning change.
 - Council agreed that the public hearing could be at 6:30 p.m. before the next council meeting on April 19, 2023, since that met the criteria of wait time to have a public hearing after the planning commission recommendation.
 - Ramey will draw it up and have it put in the Gazette for two consecutive weeks as required.

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Nothing to report ...Next meeting April 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jeff Gauchat: ...

- Nothing to report...Next meeting scheduled April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they discussed the pool ordinance language and the fireworks opt-out.
 - Next meeting is April 18, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel reported that Todd had gotten the three bids for a new mower from Skagg, John Deere and Hustler. All the mowers were the same in general specifications. The committee recommends the Hustler mower for the cost of \$10,000.00 with the trade in of the John Deere.
 - A motion to purchase the Hustler mower for the parks made by Stangel, seconded by Walter, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
- Stangel also reported that the fan for the concession stand would be \$169.00, and Todd would replace it himself.
 - A motion to approve the fan replacement for \$169.00 made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
- Stangel discussed the replacement of the old Firestone sign with the legend of the park on it from Medina Signs. He said a 2x3 would be \$2,025.98 and a 3x4 would be \$2,830.95.
 - Gauchat said he had a person that could make it for less. Stangel told him to get the information to the committee.
 - After much discussion a motion to allow up to \$2,900.00 to be allocated for the new sign, and giving the parks committee permission to make the final decision on it, made by Kiouisis, seconded by Stangel, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0
 - Next meeting March 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouisis:

- Committee discussed and recommends the purchase of the new cruiser from Statewide Ford for the cost of \$57,518.00 for a patrol ready cruiser. The base price would be \$46,659.00 and the additional costs are to have it equipped for patrol.
 - Ramey asked where the money was coming from, adding that the last thing she knew they tabled the idea. Continuing, she did not have anything built into the budget for a new cruiser, unless they want to pull it from the trust.
 - Huber said there needs to be legislation in place to purchase it as well. He can draw up legislation for the next meeting.
 - Next meeting is April 18, 2023 @7:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ramey: Ramey read by title only the following legislation:

Ordinance 4-23

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2023 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading requirement was made by Stangel, seconded by Kiouisis, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Walter "yes", Kiouisis "yes". Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 4-23 as an emergency made by Walter, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Walter "yes", Kiouisis "yes". Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business: Nothing to report:

- Mayor discussed the zoning book updates that need to be done. He had met and/or talked to 6-8 different people in the process. Mayor informed council that the cheapest, yet qualified candidate, was a woman named Susan Hirsch. Her costs would not exceed \$10,000.00, and that would cover up to 50 hours and 5 meetings.
 - A motion to have Huber draw up a contract with Hirsch made by Gehring, seconded by Walter, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business: Nothing to report

- Mayor DeRossett and Huber discussed the whether the village could ban firearms in the park. Huber does not believe you can since the laws have recently changed. Huber will look into the exact verbiage to be sure.
 - Mayor then asked about the law on selling guns in the park during yard sale time. Huber will check on that as well.
- Gehring asked council is they could donate \$100.00 to the Career Center graphics class for making the village seal.
 - Council all donated money to the class on their own.
 - Gehring thanked council for working around his upcoming surgery as well.

Audience:

- Nothing to report

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

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.