

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of April 16, 2022

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

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

Irene Gehring Ed VanHoose, LMRE Rob Lenhart Bev Zeigler
Laura Braddock Jim Myers Brandon Herrick Kathy Grasz, LMRE
David McElhatten, Medina County Health Department

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting made by Walter, seconded by Gauchat, 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 Gehring, 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 Stangel, seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Gov't agencies etc.:

- **Medina County Health Department:**
 - David McElhatten was present and explained the health department levy that is on the ballot in May.
- **Beautification Committee and Historical Society:**
 - Irene reported that the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was not well attended; more than likely due to the snow fall that morning.
- **LMRE:**
 - Ed VanHoose reported on the industrial Park and where they stand. He said that the construction will be in three phases, with the first phase being the road, the LMRE headquarters land grading and the out-building construction.
 - The second phase will be the headquarters construction and they are hoping costs of materials and the availability of them, will not hold them up too much.
 - The third phase will be the development of the rest of the park. He did say that they have a potential business that would likely take up a majority of the park and are hopeful that it comes to fruition.
 - Ed discussed the need to hire a new engineering firm due to a structural issue with the building.
 - ◆ He went on to say that the carbon footprint was the same on the new building plans, it is just taking a wall that had three connections to the building and making only one connection, as they were advised by three other engineering firms that it would be more structurally sound.
 - Kathy Grasz was present as well and she gave an update to council on the Medina Fiber project that will be based out of the LMRE site. She thanked council for the use of the council chambers for their press release the prior day.
 - She explained that the village was included in the ARPA contributions since Spencer is the only village that is served by LMRE.
 - She discussed the new building plans that were redesigned due to a flaw in the structure by the previous engineering firm. They now have a new engineer and developer, and they will present the new plans to the planning commission at their next meeting on the May 9th.

- **BPA: Irene Gehring**

- Irene discussed with council the fire department's usage of village water for training purposes. Ramey gave council a packet explaining the BPA's stance on the issue.
 - Ramey continued saying that when they used the reservoir for water, it did not matter because it was free. Ramey talked to the Ohio Attorney General, the State Auditor's Office, RLCWA, RCAP, and the USDA. They all agreed that since the fire department is not village owned, that the village can charge them for water usage. Once the fire department went from being just the village department to a fire district that changed everything.
 - Gehring said they are inviting the fire board and chief to their next meeting to go over everything with them.

Mayor's report: Dan DeRossett...

- Mayor discussed the storm sewer on South Main. He said that there were four trees between 204 and 206 South Main that are infiltrating them. He has a quote from Hammond Tree Service for \$3,200.00 to have them removed.
 - A motion to hire Hammond Tree Service to remove the trees made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
- Mayor reported that Dynamerican came and did a video of the storm sewer on North Main. He said they found that there was an old catch basin that is not connected to anything and was probably left there when they widened the road.
 - Stangel said there is a water run off problem still on South Main by Lorain Street that needs attention as well.
- Council discussed estimates for the Park Drive entrance resurfacing, and since they were not all the same description as to what was to be done, it was tabled until they could get estimates of the same work being performed.
- Gehring said he was contacted by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and that they will be here on April 26th to walk the property if anyone wanted to go with them; Gauchat said he would.
- Mayor asked what was going on with the baseball team wanting to put batting cages up again at the park.
 - Ramey said that she thought it was not approved a couple of years ago because of the noise factor.
 - Gauchat said this time they want to put it on the asphalt pad. They would need to drill holes in the pad and run an electric cord over to them. Huber said that they would have to run the electric to the building, not just an extension cord because that could be a hazard he believes.
 - Mayor said it needs to be brought to the parks committee with all the specifics and then brought to council. He also reinforced the electric needing to be run to it, not an extension cord.
 - Gehring will get the concession contract signed by the person running it this year.
 - Mayor said that the person that was going to run the garage sales no longer lives here. It was decided that if people want to have a sale, just have a sale to save the expense of having to rent portable bathrooms.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber... nothing to report

Finance: Tom Gehring: ...

- Nothing to report...Next meeting May 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jeff Gauchat:

- Nothing to report...Next meeting May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they had went over zoning on pools and they were trying to figure out how to address pools in town that have been up for many years. Council discussed different scenarios at length. Huber said he will look at other municipality ordinances to see what they have. Ramey gave him a copy of the ordinance from 2007 that did not pass. Next meeting May 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel is still waiting to hear from ODNR on the beavers. Kiouis said we don't people trapping on our property. ...Next meeting May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouis:

- Kiouis reported that the parts for the cruisers are slowly becoming available for the recall items. They discussed computer upgrades and purchasing ammunition and leasing cruisers versus purchasing. Next meeting May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ramey:

- Ramey read by title only the following legislation:
 - Resolution R-1-22
A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AMENDED ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2022, TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS, ADDITIONS AND/OR NEGATIONS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
A motion to waive the three-reading requirement was made by Stangel, seconded by Gauchat, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.
A motion to adopt Resolution R-1-22 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Walter, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.
 - Resolution R-2-22
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
A motion to waive the three-reading requirement was made by Kiouis, seconded by Walter, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.
A motion to adopt Resolution R-2-22 as an emergency made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.
 - Ordinance 7-22
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 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
A motion to waive the three-reading requirement was made by Gauchat, seconded by Walter, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.
A motion to adopt Ordinance 7-22 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”, Kiouis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.
 - Ordinance 8-22
AN ORDINANCE GIVING CONSENT TO THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTS ION TO PERFORM PAVEMENT REPAIRS, CURB RAMP REPLACEMENT, MILLING, RESURFACING AND PAVEMENT MARKING ON SR 162 AND SR 301 IN THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
A motion to waive the three-reading requirement was made by Kiouis, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.
A motion to adopt Ordinance 8-22 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Walter, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: Nothing to report

Audience: Nothing to report

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

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.