

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of April 19, 2023

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

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

- At 6:30 p.m. a public hearing was held for legislation to change the village zoning ordinance for pools within the village.
 - Mayor DeRossett opened the meeting, there was no public input and Mayor DeRossett closed the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Council will move on with legislation to adopt during the council meeting.

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 15, 2023 meeting were read individually. Mayor DeRossett pointed out that in the old news section, Susan Hirsch's pay should say that it would not exceed \$10,000.00. A motion to approve the amended minutes from the March 15, 2023 meeting made by Stangel, seconded by Kiousis, 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 Walter, 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 Walter, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

Gov't agencies etc: Nothing to report

Mayor's report: Dan DeRossett:

- Mayor reported that he had met with two different electricians for the legion building, but had no estimates as of the meeting.
- Mayor had a list of appraisers and was in the process of working on getting the legion building appraised as well as Grid Iron Guys to look at the roof.
- Mayor contacted the state forester for our area and informed council that the man was working in Seville at this time and has not heard anything back from him as of the meeting.
- Gauchat met with the land conservancy person at the Leck property. He said that there were ATV tracks again leading to a house on Millstone Lane.
 - Huber said it was time to put up signs and have the police enforce the issue.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber:

- Huber reported that he drafted legislation for the zoning change and had started to work on the firearms legislation but hasn't finished yet.

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Tom was not present. Ramey and Walter explained that the committee discussed and recommend a \$1.00 per hour increase for part time employees, excluding police since they have their own schedule, for every five years of service with the village. Council agreed and Greg will draft an amended salary ordinance for next month.

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

- Stangel said he reached out to Cunningham and Associates about grants for Jefferson, Washington and Stuart Streets. Next meeting scheduled May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they discussed the pool ordinance and the contract with Susan Hirsch for the zoning book updates.
 - Next meeting is May 16, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel discussed the replacement of the old Firestone sign with the legend of the park on it from Medina Signs. They still have not ordered it yet because it needed to be gone over more. Gauchat and Stangel discussed the person Gauchat knew as well to do the work. They will continue to work on it.
- Walter reported that she had spoken with Hot Stove and they have invested \$24,000.00 in repairs of the fields and were asking if the village would fix the dugout on field #4. It would cost roughly \$4,200.00. Walter did not have an estimate for the work to be done. Gauchat will get with them to get a clearer idea of what they are wanting from the village and report back.
 - Next meeting May 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouisis:

- Kiouisis discussed a new officer that will be only working special events and holidays, and gave his background in law enforcement.
- Kiouisis reported that the committee approved the purchase of a new outer vest for the department .
 - A motion to allow up to \$200.00 for the purchase of a new outer vest made by Krystofek, seconded by Gauchat with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
- Huber discussed the police cruiser and stated that since it was over the \$50,000.00 benchmark it would have to be put out for bid.
 - Next meeting is May 16, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

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

Resolution R-3-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 3, SECTION 312B AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Resolution R-3-23 as an emergency made by Walter, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 5-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-20 INCREASING WATER RATES FOR WATER USAGE BY SPENCER VILLAGE WATER USERS AS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CONTINUED WATER SERVICE AND DECLARING 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”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 5-23 as an emergency made by Walter, seconded by Gauchat, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 6-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-20 INCREASING SANITARY SEWER RATES FOR SANITARY SEWER USAGE BY SPENCER VILLAGE SEWER USERS AND SEWER USERS OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER SO AS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CONTINUED WATER SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 6-23 as an emergency made by Walter, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 7-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUSAN HIRSCH FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEWING AND REVISING THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER'S ZONING ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 7-23 as an emergency made by Stangel, seconded by Walter, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gauchat "yes", Walter "yes", Kiouisis "yes". Motion carried 5-0.

Audience:

- Resident Sean Hesketh of Stuart Drive was present and asked council if there was any chance they would allow chickens in the village. He went on saying maybe if there were strict regulations it could work. After much discussion Mayor DeRossett said he would have the legislative and planning committee look into it again.
- Bev Zeigler asked if there was anything that could be done about all the Ferrell cats in town. Mayor DeRossett said that would be an animal warden issue.

Old Business:

- Mayor mentioned the landscaping project and had a sample of some decorative rock that an anonymous person said they would donate. Council all agreed that they liked the river rock look better.

New Business: Nothing to report

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

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.