Village of Spencer

Council Meeting of May 20, 2020

**Council members present:**  Jim Stangel Jordan Ternes Tom Gehring

Jeff Gauchat Crustal Johnson Vanessa Walter

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

Mike Wright Jim Coleman Michele Yourich Starr Yourich Paul Barrett

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

**Minutes**

The minutes from the April 15, 2020 meeting were read individually and a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2020, meeting made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

**Treasurer is Report:**

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report made by Stangel, seconded by Johnson, 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 Johnson, seconded by Ternes, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

**Gov’t entities discussion**

* + Nothing to report

**Mayor’s report: Dan DeRossett:**

* Mayor discussed the upcoming 4th of July celebration and informed council that he had been in contact with Tim Mennell about the event. They had discussed different avenues to take amid Covid-19 as well as if they would even be able to have the event. He said the committee was going to continue planning for now and wait to see what the governor does. The committee asked council to give them until the next meeting before making a final decision. A motion to wait until the next council meeting to make a decision on whether or not the event should be cancelled was made by Gehring, seconded by Ternes with all council members voting “aye’. Motion carried 6-0.
* Mayor informed council that he was contacted by a Mr. Strauss, that lives on Millstone Lane off of Old Mill Road and whose property butts up to the Leck property belonging to the village. Mr. Strauss was asking if the village would allow him to purchase part of the Leck property to square of his own parcel. After discussing it at length a motion to leave the property alone and not parcel it off was made by Gehring, seconded by Walters, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
* Mayor reported that the CEDA and CRA meeting is now rescheduled for June 8, 20202 at 10:30 a.m. at the Medina County Administration Building.
* Mayor discussed continuing to look at virtual meetings and also reported that in his search for an ordinance he wanted to get the ordinances and resolutions scanned into a searchable database somehow. Ramey said that after speaking to the mayor about it she told him it would be great if they could have someone scan them into her computer from the copier in the hall, and she can take it from there. She went on to say that Audra Davis was looking for a part time job this summer and she could do the scanning of them in. A motion allowing up to $2,000.00 to have Audra Davis do the scanning was made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
* Lastly the mayor reported that the Memorial Day had been cancelled, but there will still be a wreath put on the memorial as well as flags on service member’s graves.

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

* Huber reported that had sent the letter to Mr. Harshbarger that owns the property on Lorain Street informing him that he needs to repair the home a livable condition. He said he gave him 30 days to comply and had spoken to him as well. Huber said he will need an answer from council next month if he does not fix it to habitable condition; as to what move they want to make. Mayor DeRossett said they may have to cite him to get him moving.

**Finance: Crystal Johnson:**

* Johnson asked if the beautification committee could use the three hundred dollars that is usually allocated for the Easter breakfast to buy flowers and stone for the Firestone gravesite. Johnson went on to say that Firestone had been very generous to the village and the least they can do is keep their grave looking nice. A motion to let the beautification committee use the three hundred dollars to freshen up the gravesite made by Ternes, seconded by Walters with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0. The next meeting will be June 11, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

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

* No report and no meeting scheduled

**Legislative and Planning:**

* Mayor DeRossett and Gehring reported on the site plan for LMRE, saying there were some questions on curbs and storm sewers that needed clarification, but they hoped to have another meeting soon to get that part finished. The issue was with the current plans not having curbing and the planning board had some questions on that decision, but said that Nils Johnson from Cunningham’s was reviewing the plans and would let them know what he thought.

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

* No report. Gehring discussed the baseball games and tournaments at the park. Mayor DeRossett said that as of now the parks are still closed until the state allows it. Gehring said he will continue to plan for the other concerts in the park for the summer and he was not sure about yard sales yet.

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

* Gehring reported that they hired and swore in a new officer. Chief Wright said that they should know about the MCDAC grant for our officer soon for the 2020-21 year. Gehring also reported that they needed new tires for the 2014 cruiser, and reported several cases that went to court, one of which resulted in a 10 year sentence.

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

* Nothing to report

**Audience:**

* Nothing to report

**Old Business:**

* Mayor DeRossett gave an update on the tornado siren. He said that due to the change of satellites, the system will not work, and to upgrade the system it will cost $2,375.00. A motion to allow the mayor to get the system updated by Sentry Siren for $2,375.00 made by Gehring, seconded by Ternes with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
  + Mayor DeRossett and council discussed whether or not the township was ever going to put in the other tornado sirens that they committed to doing when the village put theirs in. Mayor DeRossett will address that soon with the township, and if they are not going to put additional sirens up, he feels we should move ours back into the middle of the village.

**New Business:**

* Storm sewer at S. Main and W. Lorain is crumbling according to Ternes and she asked if someone could look at it. Stangel will check on it.

A motion to adjourn made by Stangel, seconded by Ternes, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.