

AMENDED

Village of Spencer  
Council Meeting of July 19, 2023

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

**Others present:** Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor  
Irene Gehring Mike Wright Bev Zeigler Laura Braddock Kelly Barrett

Mayor DeRossett was out of town, as was Council President Kiousis.  
Stangel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the June 21, 2023 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2023 meeting made by Walter, seconded by Gauchat, 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 Walter seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

**List of Bills:**

The list of bills were reviewed. Ramey added a bill for Susan Hirsch for \$750.00 for zoning and comprehensive plan re-writing . A motion to approve the amended list of bills made by Walter, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

**Gov't agencies etc:**

- Historical Society, Beautification Committee and Bicentennial Committee:
  - Irene Gehring reported that the raffle baskets went well and that they have nothing now until the Breakfast with Santa in December. She had bicentennial ornaments for sale as well.
  - Bev Zeigler reported on the Bicentennial celebration saying that the baseball game, ice cream social and dinner all went very well. She thanked Krystofek, Gehring and Stangel for helping as well.
    - Gehring said that Bev deserved a huge thank you for everything she did to make the bicentennial a success.

**Mayor's report: Dan DeRossett:** Nothing to report

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

- Huber reported that he was asked about water and sewer easements by LMRE. He explained that he had communicated with their attorney back in 2021, and she was supposed to draft them. He is not sure if she ever did. He had an email showing the communication with the attorney.

**Finance: Tom Gehring:**

- Gehring reported that they had went over the budget for next year. No meeting in August

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

- Gauchat reported that they were waiting for the finalization of the plow for the truck. Stangel met with Nils Johnson about OWDA grants for streets.
- Stangel had a list of trees from Todd that needed to be taken down. The total would be \$1,660.00. Ramey confirmed that Todd asked her if there was enough money, and she said she had a purchase order ready and was just waiting for approval from council to process it.
  - A motion to hire Hammon Tree Service to remove the trees for \$1,660.00 made by Stangel, seconded by Walter with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.
  - Next meeting August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Stangel mentioned that he had been really busy, but would be going to Medina Signs to get the sign finalized as soon as possible
  - Next meeting August 7th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

**Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:**

- Nothing to report
  - Next meeting is July 11, 2023 @7:30 p.m.

**Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouis:**

- Gehring reported for Kiouis and said they discussed the IT person's bill and said they told him to itemize it. Also, they discussed police cruisers.
  - Next meeting is August 15, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

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

- Ramey opened the 2024 budget hearing. There were no questions or comments; Ramey then closed the hearing.

**Old Business:**

- Kelly Barrett was present and gave her update on the playground equipment that she had been working on for a quite some time. She went over some things that she asked council about including, expanding the playground area and squaring it off, tearing out the digging toys, tree removal and repainting the merry-go-round.
  - A motion to approve the installation of the playground equipment made by Gauchat, seconded by Walter, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.
- Bev Zeigler brought up the condition of the old school again. Huber and council discussed it being a nuisance and Huber said they have an ordinance for nuisances.
  - Council talked about the fact that the last letter sent to them did no good. Huber said he could start the process of getting it condemned.
    - Ramey asked Huber, should they not comply, couldn't the village have it torn down and their taxes assessed. Huber said it could, but was hoping for a better solution than that.
    - Mike Wright has pictures that DeRossett had taken and will forward them to Huber. They are drone pictures of the old school showing all the holes in the roof and sides.
- Braddock reported on the LMRE
  - Phase I is not completed and said there were several more items to be finished.
  - They issued a permit for phase II.
  - Long discussion with council about the location of the sub station that LMRE needs to run the park since there it isn't enough electricity currently.

**Audience:**

**New Business:** Nothing to report

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gauchat, seconded by Walter, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0

Stangel adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.