

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of September 21, 2022

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

Others present: Dan DeRossett, Mayor Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer
Irene Gehring Bev Zeigler Rob Lenhart

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting made by Walter, seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

The minutes from the August 17, 2022 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2022 meeting made by Walter, seconded by Stangel, 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 Krystofek, 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 Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

Gov't agencies etc.:

- **Beautification Committee and Historical Society:**
 - Gehring reported that the pig roast was a success and the concert and car show as well.

Mayor's report: Tom Gehring:

- Mayor reported that he was not here for a while and that Gehring can fill everyone in.
 - Gehring reported that the East Main storm sewer pipe was repaired and that the huge bump was filled in after the fact. He also said they were checking on Colemans complaint of ruts in his grass from cars or trucks going around the barriers.
 - Gehring said that Cooperative Way was finished for that phase and that they had to replace a couple of slabs in the road that were cut too late after the concrete was poured and had cracked. He also sad anyone can go down to the construction site as long as they stop and get a hard hat first.
- Mayor reported complaints about the recycling bins being full and trash at the park now including a mattress and box spring. Kiousis said they should get ride of them in his opinion.
 - Council discussed adding recycling to the next contract when they go out for bid.
 - Huber said if the problem persists, call the county and tell to come to a meeting to discuss the issues.
- Gehring informed council that there were two substantial water leaks in the village that have now been fixed. One leak was by the bank and one by where the apartment building was next to the restaurant.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber:

- Huber reported that he had the storm water maintenance agreement prepared for the LMRE streets after they are turned over to the village. Additionally, he is still waiting on LMRE's attorneys for the easement paperwork.

Finance: Tom Gehring:

Nothing to report...No meeting in October

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

Nothing to report...No meeting for October.

- Council discussed the hiring of an additional employee to help mow and other matters that Todd doesn't have time for since we did not have a mower this year.

- Ramey said she had an application she had given the mayor. Mayor said he thought they should interview him all together, but that would take yet another month.
- A motion to allow the mayor to hire the applicant if he is a good fit for the position as his application shows, was made by Kiouisis, seconded by Walters, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they had again discussed Spencer Feed selling vaping products. They also discussed the second temporary permit and Huber again said if they are selling vaping products and it goes against the original permit, council had the leverage to pull the permit until he complies. Huber also recommends that they send him a letter in writing, as well as stopping in there.
 - Next meeting October 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel reported that Kelly Barrett had been working on securing funding for new playground equipment and turned the floor over to her.
- Barrett explained that she met with a playground specialist that pointed out some safety issues and also gave recommendations on equipment. She had a list and pricing as well and handed them out to council. She was able to get a donation for a new slide and ran it through the Spencer Enrichment Association’s 501c3.
 - A motion to accept the slide donation was made by Stangel, seconded by Walter with all council members voting “aye”.
 - Ramey asked if it was commercial grade equipment and also who would be installing the slide, saying that a professional would have to do it for insurance reasons. Barrett said yes it was commercial and the donation was enough to have it installed professionally too.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouisis:

- Nothing to report. The next meeting will be October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer’s Report: Sheri Ramey:

- Ramey read by title only the following legislation:

Ordinance 14-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORM WATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WITH LORAIN MEDINA RURAL ELECTRIC COOP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 14-22 as an emergency made by Kiouisis, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report

New Business:

- Bev Zeigler asked that the Bicentennial celebration could be declared a village sponsored event to have coverage for insurance. Ramey explained to them what the insurance company says about events covered under the village.
 - A motion to declare the Spencer Bicentennial celebration as village sponsored event made by Kiouisis, seconded by Walter, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
- Zeigler also asked if the sidewalks that are covered with vegetation from people’s tree lawns could get cleaned up before their walk-a- thon. Mainly the one on South Main and the other on Rainbow. Gehring will handle it
- Gehring said that he is contacting Ermel Alexander to check the electric at the legion and JTS Landscaping to look at the muni building. To get an estimate to trench out the beds and redo them in general.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Stangel, seconded by Kiouisis, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.