

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of November 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

Mike Wright Bev Zeigler Brandon Herrick Laura Braddock

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the October 19, 2022 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2022 meeting made by Stangel, seconded by Walter, 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 Walter, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Gov’t agencies etc.:

- **Beautification Committee and Historical Society:**
 - Mentioned again was the Breakfast with Santa and the tree lighting on December 3rd.

Mayor’s report: Tom Gehring:

- Mayor reported that he had been in contact with ODOT and he was informed that the paving was done, but there were some issues with storm sewer grates they discovered when doing the capping and grading. He said they also told him that a few storm sewers will need jetted and cleaned before the new grating is done.
 - Mayor said there may be some financial responsibility on the village, but did not have any idea at this point what it would be.
- The mayor also reported that he had a few supplies and services that needed to be approved for the street department. They are as follows: Salt from the county=\$52.37 per ton...tires for the John Deere Gator=\$240.00 from Holmes Tire and grates for the salt spreader from Triplett Welding=\$1,200.00 to \$1,800.00.
 - A motion to approve the list of purchases and services made by Gehring, seconded by Krystofek, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mayor spoke to ODNR about the idea of timbering the woods at Firestone Park. They informed him that it can be done, but it had to go through an environmental review process first and he explained that to council.
 - Kiousis said that the mayor should call the references that the company gave to see if they were happy with their service first, then go from there as well.

Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber:

- Nothing to report

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that the committee discussed next years projects and employee wages. They recommend a 3% raise for employees.
- Discussed the electric at the legion apartment. The mayor was able to get a quote from Ermel Alexander for \$2,991.00 to update all the electric. It was mentioned that maybe the downstairs should be looked at as well.
 - A motion to have Ermel look at the entire legion building to be sure it is up to code made by Kiousis, seconded by Gehring with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

- Council tabled the landscaping of the Municipal building until next year, but the mayor will call and get on the schedule with Landscape Transformations, since they were the lower of the two bids coming in at \$1,845.00. The one and only other company that gave a quote was for \$6,800.00 from Shescapes.
- Discussed the street light request by Paul Pomeroy for the dead end over at the Firestone Senior Estates. There was confusion as to whether it is a security light or a street light that was requested. Mr. Pomeroy was not in attendance to ask further questions, so it was tabled until more information could be obtained. Mayor will call Pomeroy and talk to him more about it.
- Ramey asked if they wanted her to do the employee Christmas lunch this year and all council agreed to have as usual.

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

- No meeting in November...Next meeting December 15th @4:30 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- No meeting in November.
 - Next meeting December 20th @6:30 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel reported that Kelly Barrett was still planning on ordering the playground equipment. She has financing in place for the slide, but is looking at more grants.
 - Next meeting December 15th @ 5:00 p.m.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouisis:

- Council discussed the bills from Dave Hadden that is doing IT work for the police department. He had invoice for \$4,775.00. Ramey said she is going to have to pay it from the trust since she had budgeted that kind of money again. Council agreed that there needs to be estimation from Hadden so this does not happen anymore.
 - Huber again explained that obtaining purchase orders is the actual law and that there are proper procedures that have to be followed.
- Mike Wright had a cost estimate for a leased police cruiser for \$57,000. Huber asked him many questions about the purchase. Huber informed Wright that he needed to go get all the financing information, from a payment amortization to the terms of the lease; as well as an official estimate.
- Wright said that the police department would be going to one vendor only and that would be Shuttler's instead of multiple vendors for uniforms.
- Wright reported that the department would be forming an online theft task force. He said then they would have meetings to aide people, especially elderly people, of fraud on the internet.
- The next meeting will be December 20th @ 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ramey:

- Ramey read by title only the following legislation:
Resolution R-9-22
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMENDED 2023 AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

***Ramey explained that this was to amend the amounts and rates we will receive; to include the passage of the park levy.

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", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Walter "yes", Kiouisis "yes". Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution R-9-22 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Walter "yes", Kiouisis "yes". Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 15-22

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

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A motion to adopt Ordinance 15-22 as an emergency made by Kiouisis, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report

New Business:

- Mayor has been trying to contact firms that help with the re-writing our zoning and comprehensive plan.. Huber said that he would check to find a reputable company to hire and report back.
- Brandon Herrick had nothing to report on zoning.
- Bev Ziegler reminded everyone of the free community meal being provided by the Spencer United Methodist Church before the tree lighting ceremony on December 3rd from 3-6.

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

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.