

Village of Spencer  
Council Meeting of December 21, 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

Rob Lenhart Bev Zeigler Paul Pomeroy Laura Braddock Atley Mast

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

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, 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 Krystofek, 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 Stangel, seconded by Walter, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

**Gov’t agencies etc.:** Nothing to report

**Mayor’s report: Tom Gehring:**

- Mayor reported that he had not heard back from Landscape Transformations about the landscaping. Gehring said he had spoken to him and it would be sometime in the spring.
- The mayor also reported that Phase I of the LMRE project was completed and waiting for inspection and approval of Nils Johnson as well as Ken Homoki on the water and sewer end of it.
- Mayor stated that Ermel Alexander would not be available until after the first of the year to inspect the rest of the legion building electric.
- Mayor introduced Atley Mast from CV Timber. He is the man that is wanting to timber the back part of Firestone Park;
  - Mr. Mast informed council of the approach they take when timbering; starting with marking the trees, harvesting of the trees and contract procedures.
    - After much discussion on ensuring the right trees can be taken, the property lines being marked, and where the timber would be removed from, council decided to have an arborist come and look at the trees after they are marked and move forward.
    - Huber said there needs to be something about surveying the property in the contract to ensure they are only taking trees that belong to the village as well.
  - Council discussed at length the entire tree removal and a motion to continue with looking into the matter was made by Kiousis, seconded by Stangel with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
- The organizational meeting for 2023 will be January 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber:**

- Nothing to report, but asked council if they all read the Sheri’s audit. He went on to say that it was one of the best audits he has read and that council should be grateful for her.

**Finance: Tom Gehring:**

- Nothing to report, no meeting in January

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

- Nothing to report, no meeting in January

**Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:**

- Nothing to report, no meeting in January

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

- Nothing to report, no meeting in January

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

- Committee discussed the purchase of the new cruiser for a sixty-month period with six thousand dollars down, with balloon payment once a year.
  - Huber said he still would need the entire estimate and contract with all the information on it to draw up legislation to purchase it.
- Committee also discussed IT work being done by Dave Hadden. They wanted to allocate \$1,100.00 per month for IT work which is equivalent to \$35.00 per hour, but limited to 8 hours per week.
  - Huber said that is a high cost for IT work if there is only maintenance done with no issues. He went on to say that the IT person should be giving an estimate each time he works and a purchase order should be opened each time.
  - Discussed \$1,800.00 in training for the year, needing to purchase the server yet, and personnel evaluations.
- No meeting in January.

**Old Business:**

- Paul Pomeroy was present and discussed the light the end of Jackson Street by the senior estates.
  - Pomeroy explained that it is very dark at the end of the street and said that many people walk to the post office and up town, as well as kids playing on snow banks from plowing and there is also a hydrant down there too.
  - After discussing the matter, a motion to approve the installation of the two lights at current rates made by Krystofek, seconded by Gauchat with all council member voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- Ramey read by title only the following legislation:

Resolution R-10-22

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN RETROSPECT FOR LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND (1000), STREET FUN (2011), POLICE FUND (2901), FIRESTONE TRUST FUND (2902), WATER FUND (5101), AND SEWER FUND (5201), AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY**

A motion to waive the three-reading requirement was made by Kiouisis, seconded by Gehring, 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-10-22 as an emergency made by Walter, seconded by Kiouisis, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution R-11-22

**A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE MEDINA COUNTY AUDITOR TO PAY THE REAL ESTATE TAX ADVANCE FOR THE ENTIRE 2023 COLLECTIONS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

A motion to waive the three-reading requirement was made by Kiouisis, seconded by Gehring, 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-11-22 as an emergency made by Gehring, 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

Ordinance 16-22

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARY AND/OR WAGES OF THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO 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”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-22 as an emergency made by Kiouisis, 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 17-22

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2023 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 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”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 17-22 as an emergency made by Stangel, 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

**Audience:**

- Bev Zeigler wanted to recognize Warren and Debbie Gott as the people that paid for and provided the free community meal that was served at the church on December third at the Spencer United Methodist Church.
- Laura Braddock asked Huber if he had contacted the people he knew about re-doing our zoning. Huber said the one he spoke of would not be available until sometime in January.

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

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.