

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of December 20, 2023

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

Others present: Sheri Ward, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor
Bev Zeigler Irene Gehring Mike Wright Laura Braddock
Rob Lenhart Ken Homoki Steve Ensign

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the November 15, 2023 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2023 meeting made by Walter, 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 Walter seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills was reviewed. A motion to approve the list of bills made by Stangel, seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Gov't agencies etc:

- Irene Gehring reported that the tree lighting and breakfast went well. She asked when the new mayor would swear her in for her re-election to the BPA. Her and Kiousis will set up a time to meet after he is sworn in.

Mayor's report: Dan DeRossett:

- Mayor wanted to take the time to thank the fiscal officer for her and council as he steps down as mayor in January.
 - Ward said she would like to give him a round of applause for all the years of service he has given to the village as a fireman, councilman and mayor.
- DeRossett said he enjoyed it all and wants to stay active and assist any way he can in the future, and he also congratulated Kiousis on his new roll as mayor in January.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber:

- Huber also wanted to thank the mayor for his years of service, saying he has always been a man of honor and reasoning, and that he will miss working with him.

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that they went over projects for 2024 and will let Ward handle when they will be financially ready to implement them. No meeting in January unless necessary.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jeff Gauchat:

- No meeting in December. no meeting in January. Stangel has not heard anything from the engineers about the grant for the street projects either he reported.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Nothing to report

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel reported that the committee is recommending the village go with following quotes:
 - Total Exteriors for the roof and siding repairs. The total is \$21, 280.00 with insurance covering \$11,000.00
 - NEO Stump grinding for \$380.00
 - Thomann Electrical for \$4,500.00 at the legion building, with the village purchasing the materials
 - Advertising the timbering of the park in the paper.
 - Ward asked again if they are going to require some sort of performance bond since that would be the only recourse if there are any damages.
 - Huber said there will need to be contracts drawn up for all of those projects.
 - Council discussed and decided that a \$20,000.00 performance bond would be in order for the tree removal service.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouis:

- Kiouis reported that the 2014 cruiser was hit in front of the building, knocking the side mirror off. The cost to replace it is \$124.00 and also the 2017 may need a coil pack at a cost of \$725.65.
 - A motion to approve the repairs made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
- Kiouis discussed the server and what he has been trying to accomplish with finding less expensive ways to achieve the same result. He wants everyone to start using village email instead of personal email as soon as possible. He went over costs associated with Microsoft 365, email addresses and Barracuda backup systems. He will continue to work on it once they figure out how many email addresses we need and a firm quote moving forward.

Fiscal Officer’s Report: Sheri Ward: Ward read by title only the following legislation:

Resolution R-8-2023

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE MEDINA COUNTY AUDITOR TO PAY THE REAL ESTATE TAX ADVANCE FOR THE ENTIRE 2024 COLLECTIONS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Resolution R-8-23 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”, Kiouis “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 15-23

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING ZONING FEES, CHARGES, AND EXPENSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 15-23 as an emergency made by Walter, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 16-23

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 made by Gauchat, seconded by Walter with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Walter “yes”, Kiouis “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-23 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”, Kiouis “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 17-23

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2024 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-23 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”, Kiouis “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: The organizational meeting will be January 10,2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Audience: Nothing to report

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

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.