

Village of Spencer  
Council Meeting of May 16, 2018

Council members present at roll call:        Jim Stangel        Josh Kelling        Tom Gehring  
   Jim Kiouisis        Jim Coleman

Others present:    Mayor Dan DeRossett    Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer  
                                 Laura Braddock        Kayla Chrislip        P.J. Howard        Gordi Smith  
                                 Ralph Baratko        Terrie Chrislip

Mayor DeRossett called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting were read individually and a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting was made by Coleman, seconded by Kelling, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

The minutes from the April 18, 2018 meeting were read individually and a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2018 meeting was made by Kelling, seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The treasurer’s report was reviewed and a motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Coleman, seconded by Kelling, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**List of Bills:**

The list of bills was reviewed and a motion to approve the list of bills was made by Kelling, seconded by Kiouisis, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**Audience:**

- Mayor DeRossett explained to council the storm sewer issue on Forrest Ave. and introduced Ralph Baratko, a local excavator that came and looked at the problem. Baratko had a rough estimate of what needed to be done and gave it to council. DeRossett explained that Todd had dug where the breaks are, but the lines are too deep for us to repair.
  - Huber said that it needed to be engineered and council agreed.
  - Stangel will call Cunningham and Associates the following day and set up a time for them to come out. Ramey said she would contact Baratko so he could come also. Council thanked Baratko for coming out and looking at it and for coming to the meeting.
  - DeRossett will have Todd fill the holes back in for the time being.
- Coleman introduced P.J. Howard to council. Howard was appointed new Fire Chief after the Fire Board let the former chief go. Coleman went on to say that Howard brings experience from larger departments and that he had been with Spencer Fire Department for fourteen years, nine of which were as a Lieutenant.

**Mayor’s report: Dan DeRossett:**

- DeRossett reported that he had received a questionnaire from ODNR on the condition of the park. Also to make sure that the village is utilizing the park per the agreement when the initial grant was awarded to the village for the park. He and Ramey will fill it out and he will take pictures of the park also.
  - DeRossett also said that they needed to purchase a new sign from ODNR that states that it was a project from them and that the cost would \$98.00 plus shipping. A motion to purchase the sign was made by Gehring, seconded by Kelling, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
- DeRossett reported that the two butterfly gardens that they installed were not looking too good. He is going to give it time to see if it comes around. Coleman said he had more seeds if he needed.
- DeRossett said that the chickens on North Main are now gone.
- Council discussed the need to update the electrical at the park and DeRossett said that he and Dave Stuart went over it. Council discussed the electrical panel and the need to have Stuart totally redo the electrical panel in the future.

**Solicitor: Greg Huber:**

- Huber reported that Heather Davis had called him on behalf of BPA over their concerns that the water tower paint is peeling in the same place it had before and he advised her to have a professional tank inspector look at it and then they can go from there.
- Huber also had a sample draft of what the zoning code wording needed to be in the zoning book as to the amount of votes needed to pass any zoning changes when voting by the planning commission. He said if council agreed he would draft legislation for the next meeting.

**Finance: Tom Gehring:**

- Nothing to report. The next meeting will be June 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel:**

- Nothing to report. Ramey had a prototype of new street name signs that are in black and white that she shared with council. She went on to explain that the street signs all needed to be replaced and now would be a great time to do it. It would cost just \$217.00 more to make ten of the signs more ornate. Those ten signs would have the Village of Spencer on the top. These signs would only be on the N, S, E, and W. Main streets marking the side streets. Ramey said that Todd would also paint the poles black and that would really offset the signs better.
  - Kayla Chrislip said that maybe the historical society would donate the extra amount needed because she agreed they would really look nice compared to the old green signs. She will ask at their next meeting.
  - A motion to purchase the new signs for a cost of \$1,332.50 was made by Gehring, seconded by Kelling, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
- The next meeting will be June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**Legislative and Planning: Jim Coleman:**

- Coleman said he discussed with Rob Lenhart about joining the planning commission. DeRossett asked if they were going to have a meeting to discuss the new language for the zoning code that Huber had. Coleman said they can have one on June 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

**Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Josh Kelling**

- Kelling reported that the trees are planted at Veteran’s Memorial Park and that they will need to be kept watered, and will need mulch. There will be no meeting in June.

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

- Coleman and Kiouisis had a meeting together and discussed the police department plans for the near future and also had some discussion on public letters; referencing the police department complaints that came via the website email.

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

- Council discussed the cleanup days and ways to either make it more cost effective or to abolish the program; citing abuse of the program by people that bring multiple truck loads, household garbage that had been stored all year and etc. The finance committee will look over it and try to have a joint meeting with the township to discuss the issue.

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report

**New Business:**

Nothing to report

A motion to adjourn was made by Kiouisis, seconded by Coleman, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.