

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of February 19, 2025

Council members present: Jim Stangel Tom Gehring Chris Krystofek
Steve Ensign Kaylie Miner

Others present: Mayor Jim Kiouisis Sheri Ward, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor
Chief Mike Wright Rob Lenhart Irene Gehring Todd Mosher Laura Braddock

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 15, 2025 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2025 meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Stangel, with all 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 council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills was reviewed. A motion to approve the list of bills made by Stangel seconded by Miner, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

Gov't agencies etc:

BPA...Nothing to report

Beautification Committee...Nothing to report

Historical Society... Nothing to report

Planning Commission...Reported that Susan Hirsh was at the meeting and they discussed Variance use and Huber replied that the current zoning does not have any language in it for conditional use. With that being said the legion building variance will have to be delayed until the new zoning book is adopted.

Zoning: Rob Lenhart: Nothing to report

Street Dept.: Todd Mosher: Nothing to report

Mayor's report: Jim Kiouisis:

- Reported to council that Jeff Gauchat has resigned from council and that they would need to find a new member. Ward will put it on the two Spencer Facebook pages.
- Reported they had a record's retention meeting prior to the council meeting and discussed what records to retain and what records to destroy. They also discussed have a community shredding day when the village was ready to destroy records.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber:

- Huber reported that he had talked to a Larry Rich from Spencer Manufacturing, as far as the old school building is concerned. He would like to get a timeline as to when they will be doing anything with the building.
- Also discussed, was the water run off from Spencer Forge going onto the property owned by Stacey Stangel. Mayor Kiouisis said it is not going to the retention pond. Huber told him to have Nils Johnson look at it.
- Huber discussed the forfeiture of a weapon to the police department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Kaylie Miner: Next meeting March 12, 2025 5:00 p.m.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel: Next meeting March 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Tom Gehring: Next meeting March 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Ensign:

- Ensign reported that Bill from the disc golf association finished two more holes and by the end of the summer they will have six more in the woods north of the creek.
 - He went on to say that they had an app for the courses and Bill said Spencer's is one of the hardest.
 - Ensign will have Todd mark the boxes so in the winter they can be seen and also wants to put up a billboard by the back pavilion for the golfers to use.
 - Ensign said there had been someone moving the tees and they think it may be kids
- Additionally, Ensign said the backhoe should last for some time but needs some repairs, he is looking into new trash cans at the parks and having the grass mowed shorter. He did say that they may need a bigger tractor to pull the batwing mower.

- Ensign is also looking at having seniors from the high school do some work in the park for their community service mandate and getting some estimates for the roof and gutters at the building where the police cars are parked.
- Ensign had a quote from Andy Yoder, dba BigA Siding, to repair the two dugouts on field four. The estimate is for \$4,000.00.
 - A motion to hire BigA Siding to do the repairs for no more than \$4,000.00 made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
- Next meeting March 6th at 7:30 p.m. @ Todd’s building, and Ensign said that all parks’ meetings will be the first Thursday of the month for the time being.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Steve Ensign:

- Ensign reported that the police would be doing all of their training online except for firearms training. He said the 2017 cruiser needed an oil change as well.
- Chief Wright discussed the calibration of the radar machines. He has normally used Western Reserve Communications in the past, but you have to go to them. He is going to use them this year and the cost is \$170.00 if we take it, and \$250.00 if they come here. The owner is retiring so the change would have taken place anyway.
 - He is working with Lodi and Westfield Police Departments to get on their schedule so they can go to Lodi to get it done in the future.
 - A motion to approve the payment of \$170.00 to Western Reserve Communications made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Next meeting March 6th at 7:00 p.m. and Ensign remarked that all the safety meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month for the time being.

Record Retention: Kaylie Miner: Miner reiterated what the mayor discussed as far as destroying old records. Next meeting July 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer’s Report: Sheri Ward:

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:
Ordinance 2-25
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING’S OHIO BASIC CODE 2025 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY
 A motion to waive the three-reading requirement made by Stangel, seconded by Krystofek with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Ensign “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.
 A motion to adopt Ordinance 2-25 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Ensign “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 3-25
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading requirement made by Stangel, seconded by Krystofek with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Ensign “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.
 A motion to adopt Ordinance 3-25 as an emergency made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Ensign “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

- Ensign discussed the surveying and vacancy of Reed Street once again and that the home owners were against them having to pay to have it surveyed. Huber said that essentially it is tax payers’ money paying for something to give it away, and that is why he recommended not paying for it, but that it is a council decision.
 - A motion to pay the \$800.00 cost of surveying made by Gehring, seconded by Ensign with all council members voting “aye”, except Stangel whom voted “nay”. Motion carried 4-1

New Business: Nothing to report

Audience: Nothing to report

- A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Council resigned into executive session at 8:00 p.m.
 - Council resumed regular session at 8:25 p.m.
- A motion to hire a full-time employee to work at a rate of \$22.00 per hour made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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