

Village of Spencer  
2025 organizational and regular council Meeting of January 15, 2025

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

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

- Before the regular meeting began, council held their organizational meeting for 2025 at 6:50 p.m.
  - Mayor Kiouisis had the committee assignments for 2025 and stated he was trying to build the committees based off availability during the day when business is conducted. They are as follows:

**Legislative and Planning:** Chair-Gehring/ Members: Stangel and Ensign

**Safety:** Chair: Ensign / Members: Stangel and Gehring

**Parks:** Chair: Ensign / Members: Gauchat and Miner

**Streets:** Chair: Stangel / Members: Gauchat and Krystofek

**Finance:** Chair: Miner / Members: Krystofek and Gehring

**Planning commission:** Members: Chris Krystofek Jeff Workman, Brian Kreiner, Mayor Kiouisis, Laura Braddock

**Records Retention:** Chair: Jeff Gauchat / Members: Miner, Ward, Mayor Kiouisis, Chief Wright, Greg Huber

- Mayor opened up nominations for the 2025 council president:
  - Stangel nominated Gehring
  - Miner nominated Ensign
    - Both members accepted the nomination and with no further nominations made, Mayor Kiouisis closed the nominations and conducted a roll call vote:
      - Stangel = Gehring
      - Krystofek = Gehring
      - Gehring - Gehring
      - Ensign = Ensign
      - Miner = Ensign
      - Gauchat = Ensign
    - Mayor Kiouisis broke the tie with a vote for Ensign making him 2025 council president.
- Mayor said he would like to focus on unfinished projects from 2024 including the tuck pointing on the Muni Building, the bottom apartment at the legion, repairs at the parks and the scheduled street projects.
  - A motion to adjourn the organizational meeting made by Gehring, seconded by Ensign, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mayor Kiouisis called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Before moving on with official business, Ward opened up the sealed bidding for the 2014 Ford Interceptor Police cruiser.
  - Ward stated that there was only one sealed bid that she had received and proceeded to open it.
    - A bid for \$2,001.00 made by Jessica Kiouisis was offered.
      - A motion to accept the bid for \$2,001.00 made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the December 18, 2024 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2024 meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Stangel, with all 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 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 Ensign seconded by Stangel with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

**Gov't agencies etc:**

**BPA**...Homoki reported that the blower had been repaired and replaced and that there have been no leaks in the buildings that he has seen. The next BPA meeting will be on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:p.m. at the plant, weather permitting.

**Beautification Committee**...Nothing to report

**Historical Society**... Nothing to report

**Planning Commission**...reported that their next meeting will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, for which Susan Hirsch will be attending.

**Zoning: Rob Lenhart**

- Lenhart reported that the window had been repaired at the old school.
- Huber said he had spoken with Richard Nelson from the building department and is waiting on the letter from him, so that he can contact Mr. Larry Rich. Rich owns the building and he will inform him as to what the village expects. He went on to say again that the village could condemn it and have it torn down, but that could get pretty expensive, not to mention that there is more than likely asbestos in there and that is really expensive to get rid of. He said it could take years to recoup the money from tax assessment as well.

**Streets: Todd Mosher:** Nothing to report

**Mayor's report: Jim Kiouisis:** Nothing new to report from earlier in the meeting

**Solicitor's report: Greg Huber:**

- Huber reported that he had spoken with Susan Eichhorn about the abandonment of Reed Street. He confirmed with her what needed to be done and the cost she is charging. Huber went on to say that the village should not foot the cost of \$800.00 to have it surveyed, just to give it away. He said the two owners that would benefit from the vacancy should pay for the plat and survey services, not tax payers.
- Huber discussed a contract that LMRE came up with to finish the punch list to get the street in the condition that the village would take it over.
  - Huber said that there was already a punch list in place and he is not in agreeance to signing a contract with them since it had long been agreed on, what had to be done. He said LMRE has started and stopped so many times, that they just need to stick to the original plan and get the items done.
- Huber had a mutual aid agreement he drafted as the county said they never received the one that was passed a couple of years ago, which he said he hand delivered to them when it was passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance: Kaylie Miner:** Next meeting February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel:** Next meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:** Next meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jeff Gauchat:** Next meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. @ Todd's building

**Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring:** Next meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Record Retention: Jeff Gauchat:** Next meeting February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ward:**

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:  
**Ordinance 1-25**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VARIOUS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITHIN MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG THEMSELVES TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY AND AS SUCH NEED ARISES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
A motion to waive the three-reading requirement made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Ensign "yes", Miner "yes", Gauchat "yes".  
Motion carried 6-0.  
A motion to adopt Ordinance 1-25 as an emergency made by Ensign, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Ensign "yes", Miner "yes", Gauchat "yes".  
Motion carried 6-0.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report

**New Business:**

- Chief Wright discussed issues with dogs running at the park unleashed and especially one person that is a repeat offender. He is asking for more leash requirement signs.
    - Mayor informed Wright to start citing that person.
  - Ward asked Wright if they were going to be using American Publishing for the Basic Code this, as she had not received anything from them as of yet.
    - Wright said he believed so and will see where they are at, as far as sending the invoice and legislation for the books.
  - Huber discussed new legislation signed into law where the village can now charge for public records requests for videos, citing that internet influencers are inundating police departments for videos so they can use them on their tiktok vides and the like. He went on to say that Medina had to hire extra people just to keep up with the requests.
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- A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel made by Miner, seconded by Stangel, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
    - Council resigned into executive session at 7:45 p.m.
    - Council resumed regular session at 7:56
  - Mayor discussed the IT person and the issues around that like Wi-Fi not being available when needed in the council room and other issues with him. He wants to hire Marshall Larrabee to do the village end of the IT work and have Hadden to do only the police part.
    - Huber said that having two IT people in the village is too much. Just pick one and have them do the entire IT work for the village.

**Audience:**

- Irene Gehring asked if the AED is still not working and the mayor told her that was the case and that they are working on it.

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

Mayor Kiouisis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.