

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of April 16, 2025

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

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

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

- Mayor Kiouisis swore in Matt Graves to fill the vacant seat and finish the term left by Jeff Gauchat when he resigned which was decided at the special meeting just before the council at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring, 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 Ensign seconded by Stangel, 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 Stangel seconded by Graves, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Gov’t agencies etc:

BPA...Nothing to report

Beautification Committee...Nothing to report

Historical Society... Nothing to report

Planning Commission...Nothing to report.

Zoning: Rob Lenhart: Lenhart had one permit for a fence on Liberty and was in contact with the new owner of the Spencer Twist who inquired about putting a drive through in next to the Twist.

Street Dept.: Todd Mosher: Mosher reported he would be on vacation the following week and that the mowers are ready to go. Ensign asked him to maybe mow a little off the top since kids were already practicing up there.

Mayor’s report: Jim Kiouisis:

- Reported that he attended the LMRE open house and it was very nice, saying that they use about half of the electric they used at the old facility.
- Reported that the Parks and Streets committees would conduct interviews with the applicants for the new maintenance position at their meeting on May 7th at 6:00 p.m. They will then recommend to council whom they would like to hire.

Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber: Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they had two meetings, one was to go over maps. The next meeting will be April 30, 2025 at 7:00

Finance: Kaylie Miner:

- Miner reported that they recommend the purchase of tires for the backhoe and the garage doors and openers
 - A motion to approve the purchase of the tires and to have the garage doors and openers replaced for \$2,475.00 from Brown Overhead Doors and \$1430.00 from Holmes Tire for the back hoe tires made by Miner, seconded by Krystofek, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel reported that he hadn't heard anything on the street projects. Ward said that she had been in contact with Nils and they will be bidding out the Stuart Drive/Jefferson Street project first in the near future then they will work on the Jefferson/Washington project next.
- Ensign discussed having Todd put cold patch in the holes on Jefferson by the township garage. Ward asked if they could use excess grindings and heat it up. Todd will work on it.
- Next meeting May 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that they can't really do much until the zoning book is finished.
- Next meeting May 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Ensign:

- Rodney Wayne addressed council regarding the community garden. He said he would like to put it on the concrete pad next to the basketball courts. Also, he would provide the raised wooden boxes and that there would be ground planting as well and that his goal for this year is fruits and vegetables. He asked what kind of fencing they can have around it as well.
 - A motion to allow Mr. Wayne to start the community garden made by Ensign, seconded by Krystofek, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
- Ensign discussed Hot Stove wanting to put the batting cages back up. Council agreed it should be placed on the north side of the tennis courts.
 - A motion to allow them to put up the batting cages on the north side of the tennis courts made by Ensign, seconded by Graves, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
- Ensign would like to have landscaping timbers and sand in and around the digging tools, as well as putting American flags on every pole in town as well. He asked the legion for \$2,000.00 for flags.
- Ensign mentioned that Kelly Barrett wanted to get the chimes installed and wanted to take the partition fence down, council unanimously disagreed to that, saying they will find a place for it, but they were not taking the fence down.
 - A motion to allow up to \$200.00 for the landscaping timbers made Ensign, seconded by Miner, will all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
 - A motion to allow up to \$200.00 for the sand to put inside timbered area made Ensign, seconded by Graves, will all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
- Next meeting May 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. @ Todd's building.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Steve Ensign:

- Ensign reported they had received an estimate for cameras at the park and the municipal building. He also said they were pretty expensive. Ward said they should also get one from Perfect Voice and Data since they do that as well. Ensign also discussed putting in LED lights in the police garage.
- Chief Wright discussed an issue with a resident on Liberty Street parking when it clearly states no parking between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. He will give them a fourteen-day grace then cite them and tow their vehicle.
 - Next meeting May 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Record Retention: Kaylie Miner: Nothing to report

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ward:

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:

Ordinance 6-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8, 11, AND 19 OF SALARY ORDINANCE 24-24 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 Gehring, seconded by Stangel with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Ensign "yes", Graves "yes", Miner "yes". Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 6-25 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Ensign "yes", Graves "yes", Miner "yes". Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 7-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CORNER STONE PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, INC. FOR SURVEYING AND PREPARATION OF A VACATION PLAT AND TWO LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE NORTH SECTION OF REED STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading requirement made by Ensign, seconded by Krystofek with a roll call vote of: Stangel “no”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Ensign “yes”, Graves “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-1-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 7-25 as an emergency made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring with a roll call vote of: Stangel “no”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Ensign “yes”, Graves “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-1-0.

Ordinance 8-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 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 Graves, seconded by Stangel with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Ensign “yes”, Graves “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 6-0

A motion to adopt Ordinance 8-25 as an emergency made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Ensign “yes”, Graves “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

- Gehring asked Chief Wright if he was able to contact the railroad about the tracks on East Main. Chief Wright told him that they assured him they would send someone out.
- Stangel asked Lenhart about all the campers and unregistered vehicles on North Main. Lenhart said that everything is now registered and there is nobody living in the campers either.

New Business:

- Gehring asked who was going to fix the concrete on Liberty Street where they dug up a water valve. Ward said the BPA would, but they literally just did it the day or so before the meeting and the weather hasn't been conducive.

Audience:

- Nothing to report.

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

Mayor Kiouis adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.