

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of March 20, 2024

Council members present: Jim Stangel (arrived at 7:11 p.m.) Tom Gehring Chris Krystofek
Jeff Gauchat Kaylie Miner Steve Ensign

Others present: Sheri Ward, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor
Bev Zeigler Irene Gehring Mike Wright Laura Braddock Joel Bender
Rob Lenhart Ken Homoki Greg Nelson John Smeglia Patty Worcester

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 21, 2024 special meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2024 meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring, with all present 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 Gauchat seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills was reviewed. Ward added a bill for NEO Stump grinding for \$380.00. A motion to approve the amended list of bills made by Ensign, seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Gov’t agencies etc:

- **BPA**
 - Ken Homoki reported that the contractor seems to now want to work with him on issues to get them rectified. He said they are now going to try and feed the electrical thorough the original pipe that Engineering Associates said was blocked.
- **Historical Society**
 - Irene Gehring reported that they are working on getting the memorial banners put up as soon as possible.
- **Beautification Committee**
 - Irene Gehring told council that they had around 120 people at the Easter breakfast. They are considering doing something different next year.
- **Whitaker- Myers Insurance: Joel Bender**
 - Joel Bender was present and gave council a briefing on the insurance rates for 2024 and reasons for increases from new equipment to claims the village made last year. There was an increase of \$2,464.00 from last year.
 - A motion to approve the \$18,985.00 insurance bill for 2024 made by Gauchat, seconded by Stangel, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor’s report: Jim Kiouisis:

- Mayor reported he met with the Spencer Enrichment Committee to discuss the playground equipment they are donating. After a lengthy back and forth conversation on what, where and who is installing the equipment and mulch. Council came to an agreement with them during the meeting.
 - A motion to pay \$3,500.00 of the installation of the equipment made by Gauchat, seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0. Patty Worcester will go back to the committee with the offer.
- Mayor has been in conversations with the frisbee golf people and a man that works for the Medina County Park District. They want to install the golf game and clean the trails as well at Firestone Park.
- Mayor discussed CV Timber’s plan to make a trail and grade it when he does the timbering. He said it would take around a year to complete the timbering.
 - Huber said he put 90 days in the contract, so they will have to change it. It was decided to make it two years just in case weather plays a role in the work.
- Lastly, the mayor reported that Lit Fiber was going to install the internet and have waived the installation fees.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber:

- Huber reported that he had several pieces of legislation for council. He said he drafted an ordinance to purchase a police cruiser, but he doesn't think he was given everything needed and went on to say that it is pertinent that things are done the right way, starting with discussing things with the fiscal officer so she can make certain the money is budgeted.

Finance: Tom Gehring: Nothing to report...next meeting March 11, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jeff Gauchat:

- Gauchat reported that they are just waiting on confirmation on the grants for the street projects. Ward asked if they were planning on getting the streets swept this year since it had been a few years since it had been done. Gauchat will call Crossroads Paving to schedule it.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they discussed chickens again and went on to say that they were looking at issuing permits to have them and how to go about it. Council discussed costs of permits and other issues with doing that, especially for kids in 4H. Huber said to discuss it in committee, not during the council meeting.
 - Next meeting April 9, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:

- Gauchat reported that he and Todd walked the Lech property with Sarah from the Western Reserve Land Conservation to get the boundary's marked and to decide where the best places to put signs for riding motorized vehicles in the area. Next meeting April 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that the traffic light is set to blink four ways on red until they get the module replaced that keeps triggering the light off.
- He also reported that the officers will be attending fire arms training in April or May and that they need to purchase ammunition for \$641.00
 - A motion to allow the chief to purchase the needed ammunition made by Gehring, seconded by Ensign with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
- Gehring said they will be interviewing a new officer in the next few days and also reported that the Sheriff's office is upgrading to new radios. They will order them now and we will not have to pay for them until next year. They would be more expensive if we wait until next year to get them on our own since the sheriff is ordering them in bulk.
 - A motion to order four new radios from the sheriff's department made by Gehring, seconded by Krystofek, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.
 - Next meeting April 9, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ward:

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:

Resolution R-1-24

A RESOLUTION STATING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON STREETS BY WAY OF RECONSTRUCTION WITH CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CURBS, STORM SEWER DRAINAGE, TOGETHER WITH OTHER NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, 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", Gauchat "yes", Miner "yes", Ensign "yes" Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution R-1-24-24 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Miner "yes", Ensign "yes" Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution R-2-24

A RESOLUTION STATING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING STUART DRIVE AND LORAIN STREET BY WAY OF RECONSTRUCTION WITH CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CURBS, STORM SEWER DRAINAGE, TOGETHER WITH OTHER NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Resolution R-2-24 as an emergency made by Miner, seconded by Gauchat, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 5-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CUNNINGHAM AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WASHINGTON STREET AND JEFFERSON STREET 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”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 5-24 as an emergency made by Gauchat, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance -24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CUNNINGHAM AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO STUART DRIVE AND LORAIN STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 6-24 as an emergency made by Gauchat, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 7-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR AN EXCLUSIVE TRASH AND GARBAGE PICKUP FRANCHISE FOR WASTE COLLECTION IN THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 7-24 as an emergency made by Miner, seconded by Ensign, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “no”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 5-1.

Ordinance 8-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CV TIMBER LLC FOR TREE HARVESTING AT THE J.B. FIRESTONE PARK 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”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 8-24 as an emergency made by Gauchat, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 9-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MONTROSE FORD FOR PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR AWD V6 FOR THE SPENCER VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 9-24 as an emergency made by Stangel, seconded by Ensign, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

- Mayor reported on the email system and will get everyone their new email addresses at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Chief Wright would like approval to apply for the people’s fund through LMRE for up to \$10,000.00 to equip the new cruiser.
 - A motion to allow the application made by Gehring, seconded by Krystofek with council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Audience: Nothing to report

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

Mayor Kiouisis adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.