

Village of Spencer  
Council Meeting of November 20, 2024

**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  
Laura Braddock                      Rob Lenhart                      Irene Gehring                      Todd Mosher

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

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting made by Gauchat, seconded by Ensign, with all present 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 Gauchat, with all present 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 present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

**Gov’t agencies etc:**

**BPA...**Nothing to report

**Beautification Committee...**Irene Gehring reminded everyone that the Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Tree lighting is on December 7, 2024. She also thanked Todd and Gary for removing the old tree so the new one could get planted.

**Historical Society...** Thanked the village for paying for half of the new tree for the Christmas lighting.

**Planning Commission...**Nothing to report

**Zoning: Rob Lenhart**

- Lenhart reported that the campers and vehicles are all up to date with registrations and there is no one living in the campers on North Main.

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

**Mayor’s report: Jim Kiouisis:**

- Mayor reported that he has received the new letter of credit from LMRE.
- Huber and Braddock discussed trees from LMRE that were supposed to be planted. She said that they would be on her property
  - Braddock also said they were not planted yet; Huber asked what the bid deal was then. He told her to call Nils since he is the inspector for the project if she doesn’t want them on her property.
- Mayor reported that the enrichment committee donated the cymbals that were part of the original playground project.
  - A motion to accept the donation made by Gauchat, seconded by Miner, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mayor again reminded everyone of the need to create a strategic plan
- Council discussed what they were going to do with the cruiser. It was mentioned auctioning it with the county, but they just did one. They discussed online auctioning and putting it in the paper.
  - A motion to advertise it in the newspaper made by Gehring, seconded by Gauchat, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mayor said he would like to give the employees Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth off. Huber said they should have already had it off by law he thought.
  - A motion to give the employees the two additional holidays off made by Krystofek, seconded by Miner, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mayor then discussed raises for next year. Stangel stated that it has always been discussed at the finance committee meeting. Council agreed to let them discuss it and bring it back next month.

- Finance committee will meet on December 5, 2024 to discuss that and any other issues since they had to cancel their meeting in November.

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

- Huber discussed the plat for the road dedication at the industrial park.
- He also discussed the old school building. He said the county won't help so the only other options are to tear it down and access their taxes. He continued saying that the Spencer Manufacturing has repeatedly said they do not have the finances to tear it down either.
- Huber asked Lenhart to get them to at least board up the huge hole in back for now.
- Huber will look into other options as far as grants like Brownstone and will talk to other companies to get an idea of what it would cost to tear it down.
- Mayor discussed the run off from Spencer Manufacturing that floods the back yard of Staci Stangel's house on North Main. He said it does it even when there is a drought, so it has to be the way they are directing their runoff.

**Finance: Tom Gehring:** No meeting in November, next meeting December 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel:** Not present

- Stangel said he will get with Nils Johnson after the first of the year to see what the status is of the street projects
- Stangel also discussed sidewalks from LMRW to the existing sidewalks on North Main. He thought maybe it could be part of the five-year plan.
  - No meeting in December

**Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:**

- Krystofek said they discussed Reed Street again and had some questions because there was some confusion on what to do next.
  - Huber said he need the legal description of the properties involved as well as an exact description of what Cornerstone Professional Land was providing so he can draft legislation.
  - Council discussed the variance hearing for LMRE's signage. Ward said it was not handled correctly last month. Ward said she needed a letter from the planning commission and addresses of each effected property owner, and then she will handle it from there; sending letters and putting it in the paper.
    - The variance hearing will now be on December 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Next meeting December 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jeff Gauchat:**

- Gauchat reported that the frisbee golf group was in the planning stages for the next six holes of the course and the would update as he finds more out.
  - No meeting in December

**Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring:**

- Chief Wright reported that they have tactical training up to date and that the new body cams are in. He also has the Christmas breakfast and tree lighting covered.
- Council discussed the AED's. Huber had brought paperwork from the state that mandates that all parks have AED's available outside. They would require an exterior box that runs in the thousands of dollars to purchase. The mayor will look more into it.
  - Next meeting December 10, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

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

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:  
Ordinance 21-24

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER TO PURCHASE MATERIALS FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER, IF NECESSARY, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, OR REPAIR OF ANY VILLAGE STREET OR MUNICIPAL BUILDING 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 21-24 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", Gauchat "yes". Motion carried 6-0.

- Ward also asked council if they would approve the Christmas employee luncheon, saying that they usually allow up to \$150.00.
  - A motion to allow Ward to spend up to \$150.00 for the employee Christmas luncheon made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

**Old Business:**

- Gehring asked about the old school and Huber said they had to wait until the county drafted a letter and they will go from there with contacting demolition companies. The mayor looked it up, and there are 3.44 acres at the school.

**New Business:**

- Stangel mentioned to everyone about the Christmas gathering after the December meeting.
- Mayor discussed hiring a plumber to install the new water fountain.

**Audience:** Nothing to report

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Miner, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Kiouisis adjourned the meeting at 8:16p.m.