

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of August 21, 2024

Council members present: Jeff Gauchat Kaylie Miner Chris Krystofek Steve Ensign

Others present: Sheri Ward, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor
 Mike Wright Laura Braddock Rob Lenhart Ken Homoki

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Gauchat seconded by Ensign, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills was reviewed. A motion to approve the list of bills made by Gauchat, seconded by Ensign, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Gov't agencies etc:

BPA

- Ken Homoki reported that the blower buildings are in the process of being built and was told they would be finished in 6-8 weeks; two weeks ago. He continued saying that they are still having some issues with the SKADA system, but they are working on it.
 - Huber asked Homoki to have Heather invite Josh from Engineering Associates and Kelstin Inc. to come to the next BPA meeting.

Planning Commission

- Braddock said they were about half way through the zoning updates.
- Mayor Kiouisis said that they would be losing two members on the planning commission, Dan DeRossett and Eric Metzger. He also said he had two people interested in replacing them; Brian Kreiner and Jeff Workman.
 - A motion to appoint Brian Kreiner and Jeff Workman to the planning commission made by Ensign, seconded by Miner, with all present council members voting "aye" Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor's report: Jim Kiouisis:

- Mayor reported on the following items:
 - Wants to get the non-conforming use variance started on the legion building.
 - After meeting with LMRE, he was informed that Columbia Gas stated that there was not sufficient gas supply for the LMRE building and that Columbia Gas also said that there was not enough gas supply to support even one new home in the village.
 - Have Lucas Lawns spray the North side of the trail at Firestone Park for poison ivy for the frisbee golf course. He will then have Todd clear it out, then start on the south side of the trails.
 - A motion to allow up to \$300.00 to have Lucas Lawns spray the north end of the trail made by Miner, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 4-0.
 - Asked council to start looking at completing a 3-5-year strategic plan for the village.
 - He and Ensign went through the woods that CV Timber marked for tree harvesting and they both agree that most of the trees were not on village property.
 - The recycling dumpsters should be removed in the next week.
 - The car show on Sunday the 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber: Nothing to report

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring was not present. Ward had the list of projects and asked council to approve up to \$20,000.00 to finish the legion building, purchase a new shredder and a water fountain for the Muni Building.
- A motion to approve up to \$20,000.00 to finish the legion building, purchase a new shredder and a water fountain for the Muni Building made by Krystofek, seconded by Miner, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.
- Ward had a quote from A Susan Eichhorn for \$800.00 to do the surveying and easement paperwork for Reed Street as well.
 - No meeting, unless needed in September

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel: Not present

- Todd Mosher had a quote from Hammon Tree Service for \$1,800.00 for removal of three trees that are rotted in tree lawns on North, South and West Main Streets.
 - A motion to approve the removal of three trees by Hammon Tree Service for \$1,800.00 made by Miner, seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- The Committee reported that they discussed Reed Street again.
 - Next meeting September 16, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jeff Gauchat:

- Gauchat reported that the baskets for the frisbee golf would not be in until around Labor Day now. They hope to get the grand opening done soon after.
- No meeting in September unless needed

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring:

- Chief Wright asked for permission to buy a new badge for Officer Meredith after his promotion. A motion to allow Chief Wright to spend \$125.00 for new badge made by Krystofek, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting “aye. Motion carried 4-0.
- Chief Wright is looking into a grant from Home Depot for new paint and flooring for the Muni Building.
 - Chief Wright discussed the tasers being passed their service life and the issue with the body cams. He is working on trying to get funding for them as well as AED devices.
 - Chief also reported that they have their CPT training in for the year that will be reimbursed through the state and has scheduled MILO training in December.
 - Next meeting August 19, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ward: Nothing to report

Old Business:

- Mayor reported that the fire board had re-implemented on call pay and they have not missed a call since.

New Business: Nothing to report

Audience:

- Braddock asked if she could give new businesses a welcome letter on village letterhead since they are charging them \$75.00 for a permit to open a new business.
 - A motion to allow her to do the letters made by Ensign, seconded by Miner with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.
 - Mayor would like to see the village seal on the letterhead. Ward said she does not even have a copy of it, but would if she did. Braddock said she did and would send it to Ward.

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

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