

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of May 15 , 2024

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

Others present: Sheri Ward, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor
Irene Gehring Mike Wright Laura Braddock Rob Lenhart Ken Homoki Mike Hymes Dan DeRossett

** Before the meeting began sealed bid openings for exclusive trash hauling in the village were opened. Only one bid was submitted by AM Junk Removal and Dumpster Rental. Ward opened the bid and read it aloud.

With no other bids submitted and the details of the bid being satisfactory, a motion to enter into a contract with AM Junk Removal, made by Krystofek, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0. Huber will draft a contract for next month’s meeting.

Mayor Kiouisis called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the April 17, 2024 special meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting made by Gauchat, seconded by Miner, 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 Stangel seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills was reviewed. A motion to approve the list of bills made by Stangel, seconded by Miner, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Gov’t agencies etc:

BPA

- Ken Homoki reported that there were still a few things that needed addressed and that they are not going to issue any more draws on the project finances until they are finished with the entire project to satisfaction.
- Homoki also said that the roof was supposedly fixed on the blower building, but until it rains he won’t be able to tell if it still leaks.

Beautification Committee

- Irene Gehring told council that the flowers pots and cemetery flowers were planted and the memorial flags should be hanged next week.

Mayor’s report: Jim Kiouisis:

- Mayor reported that he contacted ODOT about possibly doing a traffic study at 162 and 301.
- Mayor also reported that he set up a meeting with LMRE, the engineer and the contractor to go over the street dedication and what all needed to be done before that will happen, so everyone is on the same page.

Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber:

- Huber reported that he received pictures of Jim Coleman’s dilapidated fence by the cemetery and looked into it. He stated there are no maintenance ordinances to cite him for it, so there wasn’t much they could do.

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring and Ward went over the committee recommendations for current projects for approval and they are
 - \$9,000.00 for the new copier
 - A motion to approve made by Gehring, seconded by Miner, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0
 - \$960.00 to replace the garage door openers at the legion
 - A motion to approve made by Gehring, seconded by Miner, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0

- \$3,000.00 for additional items for upstairs apartment...stove vent, locks changed and blinds for the windows
 - A motion to approve made by Gehring, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0
 - Next meeting June 10, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel reported that Jefferson/Washington Streets grants have been approved
- Next meeting June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they revisited vacating Reed Street to the north where it currently dead ends.
 - Ward asked why they would do that since she was under the impression that it was left there for future extension to West Main. Huber agreed that it doesn’t makes sense, as he had always heard that too, as well as the mayor.
 - A motion to vacate Reed Street made by Krystofek, seconded by Gehring with all council voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Krystofek said there would need to be an easement and Huber said that makes it even more complicated and another reason not to do it. He continued saying that now you are spending money to get rid of something that doesn’t cost anything besides a little maintenance. He does not recommend it, as it will need surveyed and an easement done by Cunningham and Associates. Huber also stated that if we own it, the village should maintain it. Council will table it for now.
 - Next meeting June 11, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jeff Gauchat:

- Gauchat reported that they met with Bill Vaughn from the frisbee golf association. They would like to get started on a phase I, 12-hole course, and eventually phase II putting six more holes in. He said that the committee recommends giving the disc golf \$3,000.00 to offset some of the costs, as Vaughn’s group will get donations for the rest of it.
 - A motion to pay \$3,000.00 of the amount needed to get the course started made by Gauchat, seconded by Stangel with all present council members present voting “aye”, except Gehring whom voted “Nay”. Motion carried 4-0-1
- Next meeting June10, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that they did not hire the new officer because of many reasons. Mike Wright said that LMRE would not pay for the labor of switching the interior of the new cruiser just the equipment.
 - A motion to cover the labor involved with transferring the new and old equipment for \$4,600.00 made by Gehring, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
- Wright is going to apply to the LMRE people’s fund to pay for the new radios this year instead of next year.
 - Next meeting June 11, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer’s Report: Sheri Ward:

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:

Ordinance 11-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLACK RIVER DRAIN FOR REPAIRS TO THE DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading requirement made by Gehring, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 11-24 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Miner, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 12-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR RENTAL OF THE UPSTAIRS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING 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”. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 12-24 as an emergency made by Stangel, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report

New Business:

- Gauchat asked Laura Braddock about maybe moving her dumpster to the cement pad so that tenants of the legion building can swing into the garage and back out more easily. They will look at it together.

Audience: Nothing to report

- A motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code made by Gauchat, seconded by Gehring with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Council resigned into executive session at 8:44 p.m.
 - Council resumed regular session at 8:50 p.m.
- A motion to increase the rank and pay for Doug Meredith from Sergeant to Lieutenant, and raise his rate of pay to \$25.00 beginning the first pay of July 2024, made by Gehring, seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Mayor Kiouis adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.