

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of December 18, 2024

Council members present: Jim Stangel (arrived @ 7:00 p.m.) Tom Gehring Chris Krystofek
Steve Ensign Kaylie Miner Jeff Gauchat

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

- Before the regular meeting began a variance hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. The variance was held for LMRE to allow an additional sign on the same parcel, for which the current zoning does not allow for. One sign is to be for the LMRE headquarters and the other is a common sign that would list names of businesses within the industrial park.
 - The planning commission met on December 4, 2024 and a motion to allow the two signs on the same parcel was made by Dan DeRossett and seconded by Tom Gehring.
 - A roll call vote from the planning commission went as follows:
 - Gehring “yes”, Kreiner “yes”, DeRossett “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”, Braddock “abstained”. Motion was carried 4-1.
 - Council discussed the variance and there were no residents present to object the variance.
 - A motion to approve the variance for LMRE made by Gehring, seconded by Ensign, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Stangel, 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 Stangel seconded by Gehring, 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 Ensign with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Gov’t agencies etc:

BPA... Homoki reported that one of the new blowers is not working and is being repaired. As for the buildings, they seem to be alright and he had not noticed any leaking. He is still looking into pricing on cameras for the plant.

Beautification Committee... Irene Gehring said that the breakfast went well and that they are trying to think of something different to do for Easter.

Historical Society... Gehring said they had a huge turnout for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. She also mentioned that next year would mark the tenth year for the event.

Planning Commission... reported that they are currently working on zoning pertaining to animals and nuisances; to separate them from each other.

Zoning: Rob Lenhart Nothing to report

Streets: Todd Mosher: Reported that he salted a little already, and that the truck is running well.

Mayor’s report: Jim Kiouisis:

- Mayor reported that he spoke with three different people that are in the IT field, and they all said that lit fiber is sufficient for running cameras in the park. He is not sure what Dave Hadden had in mind, but it was way more than what the village needed according to the three people he spoke with.
- Mayor and council discussed a date for the organizational meeting. It was decided it would be at 6:50 p.m. the night of the council meeting on January 15, 2025

Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber: Nothing to report

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring and Miner reported that the committee recommended a 5% raise for the employees across the board. Council discussed it and Ward said that if they pass the salary ordinance during her report, they did not need to vote on it right now.
 - No meeting in January

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel said he will get with Nils Johnson after the first of the year to see what the status is of the street projects. He thinks they will go out for bid in March or April, but will confirm it.
 - No meeting in January

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek said they discussed Reed Street again and had some questions because there was still 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 doing. He asked for the number and he will call them and see what they are planning.
 - No meeting in January

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 also looking into grants for signs for each hole and for that he will talk to the guy from Medina County Parks. .
 - No meeting in January

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring:

- Chief Wright had a copy of the county mutual aid agreement that will have to be passed by legislation. He also discussed the small police department Association and does not believe it would be of any benefit to join for \$150.00.
- The mayor asked that the police report any street lights that are out to LMRE while on duty.
- Chief is looking at grants to install Flock Cameras in the village and explained to council what they do.
 - No meeting in January

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ward:

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:

Resolution R6-24

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE MEDINA COUNTY AUDITOR TO PAY THE REAL ESTATE TAX ADVANCE FOR THE ENTIRE 2025 COLLECTIONS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER AND TO DECLARE 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", Ensign "yes", Miner "yes", Gauchat "yes".
Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution R6-24 as an emergency made by Stangel, seconded by Gauchat, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Ensign "yes", Miner "yes", Gauchat "yes".
Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 22-24

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 22-24 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.

Ordinance 23-24

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF A 2014 POLICE INTERCEPTOR FORD EXPLORER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading requirement made by Stangel, seconded by Krystofek, 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 23-24 as an emergency made by Gauchat, seconded by Ensign, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Krystofek "yes", Gehring "yes", Ensign "yes", Miner "yes", Gauchat "yes".
Motion carried 6-0. **** Bid opening will be at the next council meeting on January 15, 2025.**

Ordinance 24-24

**AN ORDINANCE 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 Ensign, seconded by Gauchat, 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 24-24 as an emergency 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.

Old Business:

- Gehring asked about the employee ID’s. Mayor asked why everyone needed one. He thinks maybe just the street dept. and water and sewer, since they would be in direct contact with people on the streets and at their homes.

New Business: Nothing to report

Audience:

- Irene Gehring asked if the decals on the new cruiser were reflective. Chief Wright said they were not. Ward stated that they look great not reflective.
- Ensign informed council of a benefit planned for Jim Stangel on January 18, 2025 at the KP Hall. It will be a chili cookoff to help him with medical expenses.
- Braddock and Huber discussed trees and the electrical substation at the LMRE project. Braddock said they did not follow zoning and also she would not let them plant trees on her property. Huber said that the law dictates where an electrical substation is to go, not LMRE, and as far as the trees go, he told her to handle it with LMRE.

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

Mayor Kiouisis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.