

Village of Spencer  
Council Meeting of September 18, 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  
Mike Wright      Laura Braddock      Rob Lenhart      Ken Homoki      Irene Gehring

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

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the August 21, 2024 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2024 meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring, 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 Gauchat seconded by Krystofek, 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**...Nothing to report

**Historical Society**...Irene Gehring reported that they are looking to replace the Christmas Tree and have it put in by a landscaper this time. They also received seventeen (17) more orders for memorial banners.

**Planning Commission**

- Braddock informed council that there were not enough people at the last meeting and that Susan Hirsch would be at the next meeting and they will start working on non-conforming use and variance sections of the zoning book.

**Mayor’s report: Jim Kiouisis:**

- Mayor reported on the following items:
  - Looking at getting lit fiber installed at the park for Todd, as well as for the camera system.
  - He asked all the committees to work on a strategic plan for the next three to five years.
  - Reported that LMRE still has a few items on their punch list to finish before the village will accept the street dedication from them.

**Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber:** Nothing to report

**Finance: Tom Gehring:**

- No meeting held in September
  - Next meeting October 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

- Stangel reported that Nils Johnson informed him that bidding on the street projects would probably begin in February/March of 2025.
- Mayor asked Todd to look at the storm sewer over by the township building.
  - No meeting in October

**Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:** Nothing to report

- Next meeting October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

- Gauchat reported that the disc golf course should be done this coming Sunday.
- Gauchat said he also was thinking about restocking the ponds since they are having a sale. Ensign said the ponds are too shallow right now since it hasn’t rained in so long. Ward said they have another one in the spring too.
- Irene Gehring mentioned that the short walk path was cracking, Gauchat will look into it.
  - Next meeting October 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

- Chief Wright is still looking onto AED's and grants or some sort of financing, as well as bids on body cam systems.
- Chief was looking into bodycam systems and received twelve from Medina Police Department. He is hoping they will be downloadable from the car to a stick.
- They will be having training in the few months that are free and reimbursable on some.
- They are still going through property to destroy and he will go to the people's fund for radios and tasers.
  - Next meeting August 19, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

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

- Ward discussed with council the cell phone tower company wanting to get out of the lease and do a permanent easement instead. She plugged the numbers they were offering; \$307,412.00
  - She explained that with the lease expiring in 2034 they would only stand to make an additional \$104,352.00 in revenue and that would be the end of it. There would be no more money coming in from them if the village did an easement instead of extending the lease.
  - Ward said that she researched it and found that cell towers that are in rural areas are not in any real risk of becoming obsolete, only roof top towers that are in cities and heavily populated areas are, and believes extending the lease would be a better option.
    - A motion to not enter into a permanent easement at this time, made by Miner, seconded by Gauchat with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:

#### **Ordinance 17-24**

##### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LAKE REFRIGERATION INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF TWO ELECTRIC HOT WATER TANKS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion to waive the three-reading requirement made by Gehring, 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 17-24 as an emergency 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.

#### **Ordinance 18-24**

##### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HIRE A HUBBY FOR REMODELING SERVICES TO FINISH THE KITCHEN AT 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", Ensign "yes", Miner "yes", Gauchat "yes". Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 18-24 as an emergency made by Gehring, 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.

#### **Ordinance 19-24**

##### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CABINET-S-TOP INC. FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF COUNTERTOPS IN THE DOWNSTAIRS RENTAL AT THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING 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 19-24 as an emergency made by Gauchat, 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.

### **Old Business:**

- Ensign asked what the status was for the vacancy of the Reed Street extension.
  - Council will move forward with it next month.
- Council discussed the legion and the variance needed. Huber will draw up the application and email it to Ward.

### **Zoning: Rob Lenhart**

- Lenhart reported that the camper is still there on North Main Street. Huber said that if they did not comply by the September 13<sup>th</sup> deadline, he should cite them and he will get him forms to do so.
- He also reported he had one permit for stairs and a balcony at Main Street Market and he is still waiting for LMRE's contractor to do the variance paperwork for the signs.

**New Business:** Nothing to report

**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 Kiouis adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.