

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of February 21, 2024

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

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

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 14, 2024 special meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2024 meeting made by Gauchat, seconded by Ensign, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

The minutes from the January 17, 2024 organizational meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2024 organizational meeting made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring 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 Ensign seconded by Krystofek, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills was reviewed. Ward added a bill for Susan Hirsch for \$1,325.00 for zoning updates. A motion to approve the amended list of bills made by Krystofek, seconded by Gauchat, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Gov’t agencies etc:

- **BPA**
 - Ken Homoki and Huber discussed the issues with the sewer plant project. Homoki explained there had been in his opinion several oversights on the engineer’s part and the contractor that has resulted in change orders. Homoki feels the village should not be paying for these oversights.
 - Huber requested that the engineer and the contractor both be at the next BP meeting, as will he, to answer these and other questions before it gets out of hand.
- **Historical Society**
 - Irene Gehring reported that they had 45 memorial banners purchased and they should be ready to hang in May.
- **Beautification Committee**
 - Irene Gehring reminded everyone about the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on March 16th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Mayor’s report: Jim Kiouis:

- Mayor reported that he will be attending the fireboard meeting. He will also attend the Spencer Enrichment Association meeting as well as the the parks committee meeting, so that everyone is on the same page for events and donations that are made to the village.
- Mayor also met with LMRE and he is happy with things they are planning to bring to the community. Braddock mentioned the retention bond was almost up for LMRE, and the mayor said he was already working on it with them and Nils Johnson.
- Mayor is still researching the best options for internet, phones and email systems for the village.

Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber:

- Huber and council discussed the old school house again. After much discussion on the process, Kiouis said he wanted to meet with the owner to see if they could come up with some sort of resolution before we get the county involved with demolition and condemnation. He asked to give him until next month before moving forward.

Finance: Tom Gehring: Nothing to report...next meeting February 11, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jeff Gauchat:

- Gauchat reported that they discussed the street projects and costs associated with the engineering and surveying.
 - Huber said they would need to do a resolution of necessity first next month and then legislation to enter into a contract with Cunningham and Associates.
 - Homoki questioned as to whether the water lines should be replaced on Jefferson when they do the project. Kiouisis will call Nils and ask.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel: Not present

- Mayor and Todd went over some lights in the park that needed replaced, repaired or installed.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that they caught up on all the safety certification and are collecting a list of ammunition they need. He went on to say they had a potential candidate in mind for the force and they were looking at a few different new vehicles.
- Mayor went over some quotes for the new email service and server using Microsoft 365. He said it meets the needs of records retention. The cost through Technology Engineering Company is \$3,210.00 for emails and startup costs.
 - A motion to approve \$3,210.00 to get the email and servers up and running made by Gehring, seconded by Ensign with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Next meeting March 12, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they are wanting to move forward with allowing chickens in the village and gave Huber a copy of Seville’s ordinance. He said they wanted to carbon copy their legislation.
 - Next meeting March 12, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer’s Report: Sheri Ward:

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:

Ordinance 1-24

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING’S OHIO BASIC CODE 2024 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 1-24 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Gauchat, with a roll call vote of: Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TOTAL EXTERIOR SYSTEMS FOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THIRD STORY SHINGLES AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING GUTTERS ON THE SPENCER VILLAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND REPLACEMENT OF SIDING ON TWO SIDES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2-24 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Ensign, with a roll call vote of: Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 3-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THOMANN ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR REPAIRS TO THE ELECTRICAL WORK AT THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 3-24 as an emergency made by Ensign, seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 4-24

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2024 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 4-24 as an emergency made by Gehring seconded by Krystofek, with a roll call vote of: Krystofek “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Gauchat “yes”, Miner “yes”, Ensign “yes” Motion carried 5-0

- Ward also reported that the trash hauling contract was up in July and they needed to put out bids probably in April, for May awarding.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: Nothing to report

Audience: Nothing to report

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Krystofek, seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Kiouis adjourned the meeting at 8:38p.m.