

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of July 17, 2024

Council members present: Jim Stangel Tom Gehring
Jeff Gauchat Kaylie Miner Steve Ensign

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

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the June 19, 2024 and June 26, 2024 meetings were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2024 and June 26, 2024 meetings made by Gehring, seconded by Ensign, 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 Gauchat, 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 Ensign, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Gov’t agencies etc:

BPA

- Ken Homoki reported that he has specs for the new blower building. He continued saying it will have sloped roofs and will be built on site and not be a pre-fab building this time. He said it should be completed in 6-8 weeks.

Beautification Committee and Historical Society

- Irene Gehring reported that they will be offering the memorial banners again soon and that the parade and 4th of July festival went well; they had a float with three veterans on it. She also said the festival would be July 5th in 2025.
- Bev Zeigler informed council that they had a few cookbooks left from the bicentennial.

Mayor’s report: Jim Kiouisis:

- Mayor reiterated that the 4th went well and commended the Full backers and the Grace Church youth group for their great job parking cars.

Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber: Nothing to report

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that they went over additional needs for the legion downstairs. They discussed CV Timber wanting to harvest trees in the old reservoir area. Huber said to make one hundred percent sure they are on village property only. The mayor wants to walk it as well with Gauchat.
 - Next finance meeting August 19, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel had nothing to report. Ward informed council that all the necessary paperwork to begin the process of the street projects had been signed and returned to OPWC.
- No meeting in August

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- The Committee reported that they discussed Reed Street and the quote from Cunningham on costs to do a survey and easement and will get additional quotes as well from other surveyors. They also discussed the campers and unregistered vehicles on North Main.
 - Next meeting August 19, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jeff Gauchat:

- Gauchat reported that the baskets for the frisbee golf would not be in until sometime in August now, so that is holding up the process.
- Council discussed the removal of the recycling bins at the park as they are a continual nuisance. Huber said he would write a letter to the Medina County Sanitary Engineer's office if they wanted to move forward with it.
 - A motion to have Huber write them a letter stating they want to discontinue the recycling bin program made by Gauchat, seconded by Stangel, with present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring said he had been trying to reach John Rocco to look at the Municipal building brick and mortar repairs and they keep missing each other's calls.
- No meeting in August unless needed

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that State Representative Melanie Miller came to their meeting and was going to help them find funding for various needs. He said they are looking into new firearms and that the computers are now back up and running after the storm damaged them during a power surge.
- Chief Wright introduced two new officer candidates , Jared Meredith and Anthony Manco and gave their background information.
 - A motion to hire both candidates as part time officers made by Ensign, seconded by Gehring with all present council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.
 - Mayor Kiouis swore both officer's in as part time officers.
- Huber, Chief Wright and Rob Lenhart discussed the campers on North Main.
 - Lenhart said that one camper and two vehicles were removed, but there is still one camper towards the back that people are living in as well as an unregistered truck.
 - Lenhart asked about permission to go onto the property since it was a rental. Huber said as zoning inspector he can contact the owner to let him know they will be going back there. Lenhart will get with the chief to go with him.
- Chief Wright discussed trying to get funding for new AED's and asked if the one in the concession stand belonged to the village and was told that it belonged to Hot Stove.
- Chief Wright is working on getting every employee an I.D. badge.
 - Next meeting August 19, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ward:

- Ward read by title only the following legislation:

Ordinance 16-24

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND TO SUBMIT THE SAME TO THE MEDINA COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION 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", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Miner "yes", Ensign "yes" Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-24 as an emergency made by Gehring, seconded by Gauchat, with a roll call vote of: Stangel "yes", Gehring "yes", Gauchat "yes", Miner "yes", Ensign "yes" Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report

New Business:

- Rob Lenhart had questions regarding signage and a potential variance being needed for LMRE. He explained that they wanted a common sign and a regular sign on the same property. The common sign would have the names of businesses in the park and the other would just be a sign for the LMRE headquarters. Braddock said zoning only allows for one sign on the property.
 - Lenhart said the common sign is also bigger than zoning allows.
 - Huber said that it never came up before since there was no industrial park, so now would be a good time to address it while they are updating the zoning, but at the end of the day they could just give them a variance.

Audience:

- Resident Rodney Wayne addressed council with the concept of putting in a community garden at Firestone Park. He was thinking of starting small with a 20x20 raised bed and see if it takes off from there. It would only be fruits and vegetables.
- Resident Dan Wianis was present and addressed his concern over a lady at the Firestone Estates that had a medical issue and no one showed up on the call for almost an hour, when LaGrange FD finally came. He was told there was a fire board meeting the following night and to please come there and voice his concerns, as the village does not run the fire department.

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

Mayor Kiouisis adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.