

**Village of Spencerville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2015**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor John P. Johnson presiding. Mayor Johnson led the pledge of allegiance. Responding to roll call was Mike Bice, Greg Leidy, John Miller, Phil Briggs, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook, Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey and Village Attorney Jason Flower.

G. Leidy moved to approve the minutes of the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and G. Hover seconded the motion. G. Leidy yea, G. Hover yea, M. Bice yea, J. Miller yea, P. Briggs pass, J. Medaugh yea. 5 yeas, 1 pass, motion passed.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Resolution #15-16 Authorizing the Mayor to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and/or Local Transportation Improvements Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required**

J. Miller moved to place #15-16 on its first reading and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution #15-17 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor**

J. Miller moved to place #15-17 on its first reading and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

J. Miller moved to pay bills in the amount of \$48183.83; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Mayor Johnson told Council that he had asked Adm. Chapman to check into the status of the canal grant that various communities are participating in and Chapman found that the LGIF grant application is currently in review and a decision should be made in the near future.

The company making the marketing video for the Village was in town to take additional videos and will return one more time to catch things they weren't able to capture. Mayor Johnson explained that there will not be interviews on the video, but there will be a narrative. He hopes to have the video by the end of the week for review and to bring to Council. We will own the video and may use it as we please for marketing the Village.

Adm. Chapman told Council that after several efforts to contact the new owner of the Dollar General property regarding the proposed sidewalk extension, to date he has not heard anything from them. He will continue to try to contact them.

Mayor Johnson told Council that Adm. Chapman had prepared a list of questions for the Allen Water District and there has been no response to date. Chapman said that the contact was on vacation when he sent the questions and expected to hear from him this week.

**New Business**

Mayor Johnson and Adm. Chapman were contacted by Allen County Refuse to ask if the Village would entertain the possibility of changing trash pick-up days from Tuesday to Monday. They told ACR that time would be needed to send out notifications to residents about any change. The Mayor asked if they would be willing to cover the costs associated with notifying the residents; ACR said they would. The current contract would not need to be amended.

### **Police Report**

Chief Cook reported that he met with a group of investigators trying to solve the break-ins at American Legion posts through-out Ohio and found that there was identical evidence. After a search warrant was issued to a Lima resident information was gathered that allowed two suspects to be apprehended in Sandusky and the case is being wrapped up.

The department is preparing for range certification.

Several speed limit signs on school property were updated and placed around school property. Mayor Johnson told Council that Allen County would like to propose a plan to simplify speed limits in all Allen County schools and make them uniform. Judge Hurst, the AC Engineer and Regional Planning are working together to secure funding that would help communities purchase flashing lights to be installed at all roads that abut school property. The lights are approximately \$30,000, the schools would control the lights Monday –Friday and the jurisdiction would maintain the lights. The proposed plan is still in the planning stages.

### **Administrator's Report**

Adm. Chapman presented a written report which was also discussed.

The new mini excavator has been purchased and delivered and will replace the 1990 JCB 1400B backhoe. Chapman asked that Council deem the backhoe as surplus to be sold on GovDeals. G. Leidy moved to deem the 1990 JCB 1400B backhoe as surplus, thus eligible for auction on the GovDeals website; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Several areas impacted by Village excavation have been repaired, such as sidewalks/driveways; durapatching will take place the next few weeks around the community. Catch basins will be vacuumed.

As part of the 2015 County Road program, a contractor will be crack patching various streets and the water line trench on E. First Street will also be patched.

Chapman has been working on the OPWC application for funding for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert project. The application is due in October; the project is slated for 2017.

ODNR has continued working on the canal trail; the project needs to be completed by November of this year. To date all of the labor, material and equipment has been in-kind which will be considered when determining what the grant reimbursement will be. The estimated project cost was \$94,157 and our grant, which is a reimbursement grant, was about \$38,496. Because of the in-kind work the hope is that we will be reimbursed for everything we've contributed.

Village crews excavated the trail head at the Veteran's Memorial Park for the canal trail; they also installed and compacted all of the base material. ODNR allowed us to use their bulldozer for this work and while we had the equipment, we leveled our dump site at the industrial park.

Estimates were received for the water line replacement project in the alley behind the Shell gas station. The scope of this project includes a water line replacement from the north side of the sidewalk behind Lyn Lee Lanes to behind My Place restaurant. A new tee and valves will also be installed at the existing line heading east behind the Shell station. The project is slated for October.

Dominion East presented preliminary plans to replace an existing natural gas line to better serve Charles River and the east side of town, north of Fourth Street. Chapman is working with their designer on what is required of the Village. The project is scheduled to begin in a few weeks and would involve 7 proposed street cuts. Streets involved include Wisher, E. Fourth, Michael, Sixth, and Elizabeth.

Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day the swimming pool will be open for the season. A meeting will be set at a later date to review the season.

The VFD for the low service pump #2 at the water treatment plant has been repaired and the contractor should return soon to complete the programming so it can be put back into service.

Mayor Johnson asked Chapman about the number of responses to the income survey; Chapman will check with Julie Ward.

Chapman will be working with a group organized through the Health Department that will educate the community about healthy lifestyles and promote the safe routes to school. There is a "walk to school day" planned for October.

#### **Committee Reports**

Safety/Streets: John Miller reported on the meeting held August 10<sup>th</sup> when Chief Cook introduced part-time Officer John Iten and recommended he be hired as full-time. The committee interviewed Officer Iten and recommends hiring him at a beginning wage of \$14.00/hour with a starting date of Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. An emergency Ordinance will be presented at the next Council meeting for consideration.

There were no other reports given and no meetings scheduled.

#### **Other**

Mayor Johnson reported on the Planning Commission meeting held August 4<sup>th</sup>; normal reports were presented by the Zoning and PMC administrators. The owner of the old Trim Trends property is planning to erect a fence around the property. Also discussed were downtown ground level rentals, which are not allowed between E. Fourth and Second Streets. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Due to Labor Day, the next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

At 8:11 p.m. G. Hover moved to enter executive session to discuss possible litigation; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously. At 8:18 p.m. J. Medaugh moved to exit executive session; G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously. The meeting was promptly adjourned.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer