

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2015**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2015 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 Attorney Jason Flower, Village Administrator Sean Chapman and Police Chief Darin Cook. In the absence of Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey, President of Council John Miller took minutes; to be drafted by Dawn Bailey.

J. Medaugh moved to approve the minutes of the Dec. 7th meeting; G. Leidy seconded the motion. J. Medaugh yea, G. Leidy yea, M. Bice yea, J. Miller yea, P. Briggs pass, G. Hover yea. 5 yeas, 1 pass, motion passed.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Ordinance #15-25 Setting Employee Contributions for Employee Medical Insurance, Medical Gap Insurance and Life Insurance and Repealing Ordinance #14-34

G. Hover moved to pass #15-25 on its third reading; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #15-27 To Amend the Prior Tax Ordinances, #13-25 and #04-37 for the Village of Spencerville Regarding Municipal Income Tax

J. Medaugh moved to suspend the rules and pass #15-27 on its first reading as an emergency; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #15-28 To Provide for 2016 Temporary Appropriations for the Village of Spencerville

G. Leidy moved to suspend the rules and pass #15-28 on its first reading; G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

P. Briggs moved to pay bills in the amount of \$8050.68; G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

P. Briggs moved to appoint residents Chris Fast, Ed Barnett, and Denise Oakman to the Local Board of Tax Review effective January 1, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the zoning of the barbershop. The Mayor said that following the close of the business the property reverted back to R1 but there could be some issues with insurance for the parcel owner. This could cause some problems for a new owner, where if they opened a shop in a business district there would be fewer hurdles.

Mayor Johnson told Council that the Port Authority meeting scheduled for Dec. 10th was cancelled without public notice until January 7, 2016. The Mayor talked with the PA president who said they were drafting language for a lease agreement with Apex Energy and they would send this information to all who requested to be in the know, which would give them ample time to review the information before the January meeting. To date the Mayor has not received any information to review.

Old Business

G. Leidy moved to allow the Clerk/Treasurer to pay operating bills for the remainder of the year; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Chief Cook told Council the department is finishing up year-end items. They are looking into training requirements for 2016. The new cruiser will be scheduled for warranty work after the first of the year. The new secretary, Betty Brown, who is replacing Carol Wierwille at the end of the year, is working out well. Free rides home were offered for the VFW Christmas party.

J. Medaugh told Council he received a complaint about the motor home and other vehicles sitting in the lot next to the Armory, which is private property. Attorney Flower said as long as the owner has the vehicles for sale (on a website) he has the right to keep them there. He did say that the Village could adopt or amend a “junk ordinance” that would prohibit the owner from doing what he’s doing. Chapman said if the motor home is not properly licensed then he could write a violation; however if it is properly licensed then the owner is in compliance. Discussion continued. The Mayor said the property maintenance and zoning codes are being reviewed for adoption; it’s a lengthy process.

Village Administrator’s Report

Sean Chapman presented a written report to Council which was also discussed.

A second quote of 2.75 cents/gallon was received for sludge removal at the wastewater treatment plant and it’s less than the current hauler’s new proposal. Chapman will meet with the possible “new hauler” to ensure details are covered. The costs will increase somewhat, but not as much as initially thought.

A presentation at the workshop Chapman attended had to do with a Geographic Information System (GIS) program to locate and digitally map infrastructure components. Chapman said he has received calls from companies to contract this service however; it could be done in-house which would lower the cost considerably. He would like to consider doing this in the future.

The signs for the traffic flow change in the alley on the west side of downtown should be arriving soon; plans are to make the change effective January 1, 2016.

The Village crew is hauling clay/dirt material from the Landeck area to the canal bank and to stock pile. ODNR is providing dump trucks for the hauling and the dirt is free of charge.

Committee Reports

No reports given or meetings scheduled at this time.

Other

Discussion was held about the language of new income tax ordinance and Attorney Flower and Mayor Johnson answered some questions that J. Medaugh had about the ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer