

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2016**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 18, 2016 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 Greg Leidy, John Miller, Phil Briggs, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Jason Flower, Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

P. Briggs moved to approve the minutes of the January 4th meeting and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Resolution #16-01 In Support of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission Serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Allen County, Ohio Study Area for Calendar Year 2016

G. Leidy moved to suspend the rules and pass #16-01 on its second reading and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #16-02 Property Maintenance Assessments for Calendar Year 2015

J. Miller moved to place #16-02 on its second reading and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #16-03 Final Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Spencerville to Enter into a Contract with the State of Ohio and to Request the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to Proceed with the Safe Routes to School Highway Project ID 96264 and to Declare an Emergency

J. Medaugh moved to suspend the rules and pass #16-03 on its first reading as an emergency and G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #16-04 To Establish Wages and Salaries for Employees of the Village of Spencerville

G. Leidy moved to place #16-04 on its first reading and J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #16-05 Approving, Adopting and Enacting the 2016 Edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – Administration Code, as Revised through September 15, 2015, Published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Spencerville, Ohio; Repealing Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith; Publishing the Enactment of New Matter; and Declaring an Emergency

J. Miller moved to suspend the rules and pass #16-05 on its first reading as an emergency and G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #16-06 Approving, Adopting and Enacting the 2016 Edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – Traffic Code, as Revised through September 15, 2015, Published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Spencerville, Ohio; Repealing Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith; Publishing the Enactment of New Matter; and Declaring an Emergency

J. Medaugh moved to suspend the rules and pass #16-06 on its first reading as an emergency and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #16-07 Approving, Adopting and Enacting the 2016 Edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – General Offenses Code, as Revised through September 15, 2015, Published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Spencerville, Ohio; Repealing Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith; Publishing the Enactment of New Matter; and Declaring an Emergency

P. Briggs moved to pay bills in the amount of \$8656.60 and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Residents Lori Och and Bob King attended the meeting and expressed interest in filling the vacant Council seat; they each told Council a little about themselves. The Mayor briefly explained the position to the candidates. J. Medaugh moved to enter executive session at the end of the

meeting to discuss filling the vacant position; J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor told Council that after he and Adm. Chapman did some research on the re-routing of SR 117, by talking to ODOT and emailing, it was determined that the Village would be financially responsible for the entire project. Because of higher priority projects, the Village cannot accept this financial burden at this time.

A status report was given by Mayor Johnson regarding the potential wind farm and transmission lines. He participated in a conference call with the Port Authority, the power siting board and other local officials. During the call the power siting board reviewed the process to establish a wind farm and said that a separate application would have to be made to construct transmission lines. Also, all leases must be secured before approval can be given. When asked about eminent domain, the board gave no direct answer but said that Apex Leasing is in a different category than AEP. The Port Authority took no action at their regular meeting, but tabled the subject. There were attendees from Van Wert County at the meeting; Van Wert County has signed the leases.

Police Report

Chief Cook told council that things are running smoothly with the department and there haven't been any serious incidents.

Administrator's Report

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

Chapman passed out a chemical cost comparison for the water treatment plant which showed proposed savings of \$3,000 by switching to a mini-bulk system as compared to 55 gallon drums. The mini-bulk system would also eliminate the need to move 600 pound drums. There would be no change in the treatment process but Chapman and the water plant operator are working with the OEPA to make this change.

Notice had been received (unofficially) that we still have \$69,000 in the State Capital Improvement funds available to use on the canal corridor. After some research, Chapman discovered that the funds were actually spent in 2008 for the culvert replacement in the canal at Old Acadia Park.

Details of the sludge removal contract are still being ironed out and the OEPA will need to approve the new sites. After this application has been approved, Council will be presented with a Resolution for the sludge removal contract.

Chapman will be attending a Johnny Appleseed Park District meeting Thursday, Jan. 21st at 6:30 p.m. to take part in the distribution of the park improvement reimbursement grant. Attendance is mandatory to be funded. Our application is for a new pool chemical controller at a cost of about \$2249.00; the grant request is \$1500.00.

Allen County has been approved by the State to develop a county land bank which allows for residential structures to be demolished or revitalized. The grant may be upwards of \$4 million and there are no matching funds required. We would need to identify properties that meet the criteria of being vacant foreclosures and provide the information to the County. The Land Bank would legally acquire the properties for a maximum of three years.

There was a problem with the electrical service at well #3 which was fixed by AEP installing two new transformers. No apparent damage was done to the well. Well rehabilitation work will be conducted soon on Wells #1 and #2.

There are plans to have the inside of the water tower inspected in July to determine if any maintenance is needed. There is no charge for the inspection however; if maintenance is needed we will be given an estimate of the cost.

Crews are insulating and putting siding on the inside of well house #2; there are plans to perform this work on well houses #1 and #2 over the next couple years.

Chapman will be meeting with a consultant firm to address the sludge line and raw water intake issues at the sewer plant. The work would require a professional design, OEPA approval and a contractor.

Since Council approved the final resolution for the Safe Routes to School project, Chapman will get agreements executed and sent.

Dominion Gas will be performing a gas line replacement on Second Street between Reynolds and Elizabeth prior to the Safe Routes to School project. They will send letters or place door hangars to residents affected by the project, which should take place between now and April.

Committee Reports

Finance: G. Hover reported on the meeting held January 11th when the committee discussed employee wage increases and finalized the 2016 budget.

No meetings were scheduled for any committees at this time.

Other

At 7:50 p.m. G. Leidy moved to enter executive session to discuss filling the vacant Council seat and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

At 8:08 p.m. P. Briggs moved to re-enter regular session and J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

J. Medaugh moved to select a new Council member by ballot and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Flower counted the votes and Lori Och was sworn in as the new Council member.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer