

**Village of Spencerville
Public Hearing for 2015 Tax Budget
July 7, 2014**

On July 7, 2014, at 6:55 p.m. Mayor John P. Johnson called to order a public hearing for the 2015 Tax Budget. The hearing was held in Council Chambers; no public comments or questions were offered and the hearing was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 7, 2014**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor John P. Johnson presiding. Responding to roll call were Mike Bice, Greg Leidy, John Miller, Phil Briggs, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Also in attendance was Village administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

J. Miller moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting and G. Leidy seconded the motion. J. Miller yea, G. Leidy yea, M. Bice yea, P. Briggs pass, J. Medaugh yea, G. Hover yea. 5 yeas, 1 pass, motion passed.

J. Miller moved to accept the June financials from the Clerk/Treasurer and G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Resolution #14-19 Authorizing and Directing the Allen County Board of Commissioners to Accept the Proposal From and Enter into a Contract with Bluffton Paving, Inc. for the 2014 Allen County Road Resurfacing Program

J. Miller moved to suspend the rules and pass #14-19 on its first reading, M. Bice seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

J. Medaugh moved to pay bills in the amount of \$16636.85 and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Johnson told Council that there have been no other communications regarding the potential turbines for wind farms being erected through the Village; government incentives are running out and the project may not come to fruition.

New Business

M. Bice moved to adopt the 2015 Tax Budget as presented and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Chief Cook reported to Council that a soliciting permit for South Western Educational Sales was suspended due to complaints received from residents.

A bequest was made to the police department from the estate of resident Betty Loescher through a mutual fund in the amount of \$4500.00; Dawn Bailey and attorney Jason Flower are handling the paperwork involved. Chief Cook asked that this donation be set aside for the purchase of a new cruiser in 2015.

Chief Cook reported on the Summerfest activities: the police department worked more than 102 hours for the festival. Cook expressed his concern about the festival being held in the downtown area and the detrimental effect it has on the downtown

businesses. He also said that re-routing the traffic to Canal Street is a safety concern, especially with semi-trucks, and he asked Council to consider taking steps to prevent the festival from being in the downtown area in the future.

Also reported on were maintenance issues for the cruisers and an attempted B & E on Leis Rd. The 2005 Ford Crown Victoria (#601) is on the GovDeals auction site and the auction will close on July 10th.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Chapman presented a written report for Council which was also discussed.

Water Treatment Plant Update: The nanofiltration skid and clean-in-place skid were delivered on June 18th and as of this report the piping and electrical connection are almost complete. IFM had more material delivered, Kirk Brothers have completed the last section of the sidewalk and the new natural gas line has been installed. Minor grade work needs done and the outer fence is being completed. KBC is waiting for the interior block walls to dry out so they can be painted. Lab cabinetry should be delivered at the end of July. Richard Kirk is pushing to have everything ready at the end of July so testing of the new system can begin. The plant is scheduled to officially go "on-line" in September.

Several water main breaks were repaired, along with the leaks detected by Aqua-Line Leak detection service. Water usage at the plant has declined significantly after the leaks were repaired.

The swimming pools passed the Health Department inspection on June 18th with no violations.

The Journal News put an article in the June 26th edition stating that garbage pick-up was on Tuesdays and Fridays; this information was taken from an old update on the Village website, which has been corrected. Chapman reiterated that pick-up is on Tuesdays only for the entire Village and he put this information on the Village Facebook page.

There were power outages on Friday and Saturday night during the Summerfest activities. The outages were due to AEP not upgrading their transformer to meet the needs of the Summerfest. The Village has spent almost \$50,000 on electrical upgrades and AEP was made aware of that fact however, did not check to see that their feed was sufficient. Chapman has had several conversations with AEP and was told that the transformer would be changed and upgraded along with a parallel feed to ensure the proper supply is getting to our panel. Mayor Johnson said that he also contacted the customer relations for political subdivisions regarding the problem and has been assured it will be resolved.

AEP will also rebuild wires/poles on the canal for the canal trail project. Chapman has received a storm water pollution prevention plan from Beth Seibert of ASWCD for the project and publicly thanked her for her assistance. The plan will be submitted to the OEPA with a "notice of intent" form for their review.

GBT Realty has requested pictures of the area where the Village is proposing to put a sidewalk to the Dollar General store so they have a better understanding of our plan. Chapman will follow-up with this request.

On Saturday, July 5th the control line to well #3 was accidentally cut by a resident excavating to fix a sink hole. The line will be repaired this week and the cost of the repair will be passed on to the resident.

A letter was received from the administrator of the Moving Ohio Forward grant project. There were 107 structures demolished in Lima and Allen County through this grant. There may be additional funds available in October and Chapman will check on the criteria for participation. The Village had planned to participate in the initial grant program but was not able to get cooperation from the property owners involved.

The Charles River Laboratories Phase I expansion was completed in April of this year. The Village had offered the incentive of reduced water/sewer rates for only the new expansion for a period of five years; there are multiple meters on their property. The incentive will run from April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2019. Their usage will be monitored over the five year period.

M. Bice asked why the garbage collection service pick-up time on Tuesdays is so inconsistent; he said he'd been approached by a resident asking this question. A discussion ensued about the service provided by Allen County Refuse and Chapman said the contract states pick-up shall be on Tuesdays of each week but doesn't specify a time of day. Mayor Johnson and Chapman are communicating with ACR, who has had several employee turnovers and equipment problems. The Mayor said that ACR acquired another contract that should benefit everyone since they may purchase new trucks.

Committee Reports

Finance: A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss preliminary budget planning.

Utilities: J. Medaugh said he would like to think about a time to schedule an open house for the new water treatment plant and allow the media time to advertise the date.

Safety/Streets: J. Miller wondered if a meeting should be scheduled to discuss the Summerfest and proper use of the Village streets and he asked Mayor Johnson his opinion. The Mayor said he felt that we shouldn't be hasty, but should attend a post Summerfest meeting and get feedback from the Summerfest committee.

Other

Mayor Johnson told Council that the Planning Commission scheduled for July 1st was postponed and he would like to re-schedule it for yet this month; he will let everyone know.

J. Medaugh thanked Mayor Johnson for his clean-up of the canal banks prior to Summerfest.

Medaugh reported that the president of the CIC is resigning her position due to health reasons. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer