

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2016**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 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 Lori Och, Greg Leidy, John Miller, Phil Briggs, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Jason Flower, Village Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

P. Briggs moved to approve the minutes of the April 18th meeting and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Good of the Village

Gina Fox addressed Council regarding having a Farmer's Market in the downtown area. She said she has offers of donations to purchase liability insurance and has a treasurer to monitor income and expenses. Fox said that any remaining funds at the end of the season (June through October) would be donated locally. Discussion ensued about the most efficient area to place the market so as not to impede on open businesses and without closing streets. It was determined that the best place would be on the sidewalks down Third Street from the alley west to Broadway; the stations could be placed around the corner on Broadway if needed. The market will be open every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Adm. Chapman will follow-up with Fox regarding any necessary paperwork to be completed.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Ordinance #16-15 An Ordinance Increasing the Appropriations in the 1st Mortgage Debt Service and Debt Service Reserve Funds for the Current Year

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

P. Briggs moved to pay bills in the amount of \$12264.42 and J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Johnson addressed Council about the proposed wind farm transmission lines project of Apex Energy. The Mayor will be attending the Port Authority meeting on Thursday, May 5th at 4:00 p.m. at the City Club in Lima. Before attending he wanted to discuss the proposed project with Council to understand their feelings about the project. In July of 2013 the Council then passed Resolution #13-23 against the project and transmission lines coming through the Village. Mayor Johnson passed out information to Council that he obtained from Scott Hawken of Apex Energy; this information is a proposed map of pole locations in Spencerville, estimated property taxes to be derived and tower designs. The proposed poles will be 125-150 feet from the ground and will set about 5 feet from the edge of the right of way; may be less where the right of way shifts. The Mayor attended a school board meeting to inform them of the proposed project and he was hoping to get a letter of support against the project, however he was told later that they chose to take no action at this time. Mayor Johnson continued the discussion by saying that the Ohio Power Siting Board explained the process and said that Apex Energy has yet to file a pre-application. The Board also explained that Apex Energy is not a public utility however, if the Board issues a permit it supersedes any local zoning regulations and it makes Apex Energy exempt from local zoning laws. The Village could choose to fight the proposed project at a local level but would need legal representation; a resident can argue the project without legal representation. If the pre-application is approved it could be around one and half years before the permit would be issued and then construction could take quite some time so Mayor Johnson said this proposed project is some ways off. If construction would not

be completed within seven years then the lease with the Port Authority would be void. The proposed lease agreement was available for those Council members wanting a copy. The power generated by the proposed wind turbines would be sold to Marysville or the East Coast and not regionally. According to the proposed lease agreement if the wind farm ceased to exist then Apex would be required to tear the transmission lines down and the revert the ground to its original state. The Port Authority would be the enforcing party.

Mayor Johnson asked again how Council wanted him to present Spencerville's stance at the Port Authority meeting. Greg Hover said he was totally against the project, as did Greg. Leidy. John Miller said he stands with the Resolution that was passed in 2013 and he didn't feel Council needed a formal vote on the matter. There was no objection from other Council members.

At 8:05 p.m. Mayor Johnson left the meeting and Council President John Miller presided for the remainder of the meeting.

New Business

President Miller acknowledged that the employment advertisement for the replacement of Dawn Bailey as Clerk/Treasurer and Income Tax Administrator will be placed in The Journal for two weeks and on the Village's website and Face Book page. Letters of interest are to be sent to the Mayor's attention at 116 S. Broadway and are due on May 13, 2016.

Police Report

Chief Cook reported that two of his part-time officers will be leaving the department in the near future: Riki Le and Andy Heppard. Because advertising in the Lima News is expensive the Chief said he would contact local academies to advertise and also place advertisement on the department's Face Book page. A new siren was installed on vehicle #603.

Administrator's Report

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

Rehabilitation of well #1 has been completed at a cost of about \$27,000 and well #2 will be rehabilitated next year. The contractor is installing gravel and grout to seal the two well casings together to prevent sand from entering the well.

Chapman contacted the Lima News regarding the marketplace paper being delivered in town and at vacant properties. Residents may stop delivery by calling 419-993-2000.

Chapman met with Elida and Lima officials to discuss and become familiar with a storm water utility program. Sealed bids were received for our Storm Water Utility development on Friday, April 8th. The best and lowest bid was received from Peterman Associates, Inc. at a cost of \$13,750.00. Other proposals were Poggemeyer at \$17,500 and Kohli & Kaliher at \$24,800.00.

We are waiting for approval from the OPEA before entering into the sludge hauling agreement with Jennings Creek Pumping.

Chapman met with representatives of Lots for Soldiers, who acquired lots on Briggs Ave and Elizabeth & 7th Streets, to discuss zoning restrictions and proposed layouts of the homes.

The screens at the sewer plant are performing much better; an increase in the acetic acid dosage and having the run cycle on for 24 hours has been attributed to better performance. Chapman met with a consulting firm regarding the proposed headworks improvements at the plant and they will provide a design cost estimate. A proposal was also received from the manufacturer of the screens to provide a larger opening screen. This will all need to be discussed.

The crew will begin patching with the Durapatcher now that the RS-2 liquid is available.

The guard rail along the canal trail on S. Canal Street has been completed and delineators are being installed where the trail and roadway meet.

Swimming pool prep has begun and will continue. Pre-season passes will be available on May 12th, 14th, and 21st. The pool fundraising committee donated a permanently mounted basketball hoop for the pool; Chapman checked with the Ohio Department of Health to see if a permit was need; it was not.

We have been granted an incentive of \$2,312.80 from AEP as part of the downtown street lights LED retrofit project. This is only good through July 11, 2016, so kits will be ordered and installed as soon as possible. Chapman expects to see a 75-80% cost reduction over the next few years by changing to LED lights.

Chapman is updating the bacteriological siting plan for the water system and will send the updates to the OPEA for approval.

Committee Reports

No reports were given.

A Finance Committee meeting was called at the request of Billie Wood, pool manager, for Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review reports she wants to present to the committee in hopes of procuring raises for the lifeguards.

Other

The Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for a regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVAL: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer