

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2015**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 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 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 January 5th meeting; J. Miller seconded the motion. P. Briggs, yea, J. Miller yea, M. Bice yea, G. Leidy yea, J. Medaugh yea, G. Hover pass. 5 yeas, 1 pass, motion passed.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Ordinance #15-02 Approving, Adopting and Enacting the 2015 Edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code-Administration Code, as Revised Through September 15, 2014, 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 #15-02 on its first reading as an emergency; M. Bice seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #15-03 Approving, Adopting and Enacting the 2015 Edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – Traffic Code, as Revised Through September 15, 2014, 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

M. Bice moved to suspend the rules and pass #15-03 on its first reading as an emergency; G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #15-04 Approving, Adopting and Enacting the 2015 Edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – General Offenses, as Revised Through September 15, 2014, 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 #15-04 on its first reading as an emergency; G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

P. Briggs moved to pay bills in the amount of \$13,430.23; G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Johnson said he had communications regarding the marketing video; project is moving forward.

The Mayor also addressed Council about the home located at Union and N. Broadway Streets that was discussed at a previous Council meeting and an article was placed in the paper. The owner of the property complained to the Mayor that he would like to have been contacted in person before the article in the paper. The owner admits to the problems with the home and is trying to address them. Mayor Johnson issued an apology to the owner and acknowledged the right of free speech however; he reminded Council and Village employees that there are procedures to follow concerning issues such as this prior to bringing them to the attention of the public.

New Business

Mayor Johnson asked the current chairpersons of the committees of Council if they were comfortable with maintaining positions for 2015 and if Council members were ok with staying on respective committees. There were no objections and the 2015 Committees were established the same as 2014 as follows:

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| Finance: | Greg Hover, Chair
John Miller
John Medaugh |
| Utilities: | John Medaugh, Chair
Phil Briggs
Greg Hover |
| Safety/Streets: | John Miller, Chair
Mike Bice
Greg Leidy |
| Buildings/Grounds
Recreation: | Phil Briggs, Chair
Mike Bice
Greg Leidy |

Police Report

Chief Cook presented a copy of a press release issued jointly by the Spencerville Police Dept. and the Allen County Sheriff pertaining to a 17 month old child that died of suspicious causes within the Village corporation limits on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015. An arrest has been made and suspect is in police custody.

The Chief also passed out a 2014 statistical report which showed fewer complaints than 2013, which included 40 fewer traffic citations.

Administrator's Report

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

There are still problems with accurate pH readings are the water treatment plant and IFM will research the problem further.

Considering the rising costs of electricity Chapman presented a quote for LED retrofit kits for the downtown street lighting. The total estimated cost is \$10,500 and the payback time would be about 4.4 years. This may be considered for the 2016 budget.

Reminders were issued about removing trash/recycle containers from the edge of the streets after the garbage has been collected; especially when there are snow events. Also, homeowners need to make a concerted effort to know where their master shut-off valves are in their homes so they do not need to call the utilities department to shut-off their water for leaks, repairs, faucet installations etc. If they do not have a master shut off they should have one installed. Currently there is no cost for utility employees to shut off water in these cases.

Several main water line breaks were investigated and repaired. There continue to be issues with OUPS and/or USIC responding in a timely manner to check areas for underground existing utilities. They are not required to respond earlier than 48 hours

minimum; our crews wait 2 hours before digging. Chapman is communicating with the district manager for USIC to discuss the problems.

On Jan. 13th an ACR employee backed the garbage truck into the traffic control panel located on the pole at the NE corner of Fourth St. and Broadway. Estimates are being obtained; ACR is responsible for the cost of repairs.

The LACRPC requested an inventory of the Village park amenities which will be scored by Allen County for a study performed by ODNR; Chapman is working on inventory.

Thom Mazur of LACRPC also contacted Chapman regarding the Village streetscape project, which was completed several years ago. An ODOT audit concluded that LACRPC still owed them around \$68,000 for the project. This amount was initially appropriated by LACRPC during the project, however ODOT told them at the time it was not due. Mazur will continue to work with ODOT on this issue.

Chapman was contacted by the organizer of the Buckeye Trail Fest, which is scheduled for May, to alert him that they will be hiking along the canal through the Village and they would like to stay at the Old Acadia Park. There was some conflict with the dates in May and Chapman will double check.

The mandatory annual BWC report was filed showing only two minor injuries for 2014, with no days of worked missed.

Chapman discussed the salt usage during the last ice/snow event and said as little as possible was used. The cost of salt has risen considerably and he has no plans to order more at this time.

Committee Reports

There were none given at this time; no meetings scheduled.

Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey passed out copies of the proposed 2015 permanent appropriation ordinance and copies of the Certificate of Estimated Resources filed with Allen County for Council's review. She said after the County has approved the certificate the ordinance will be presented for passage; hopefully by the first or second meeting of February.

There was no other business presented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer