

**Village of Spencerville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2016**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 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 Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

In the absence of the Village Attorney, Council President John Miller issued the oath of office to Mayor Johnson for his next four year term. Mayor Johnson then issued the oath of office to Greg Hover for his new four year term.

P. Briggs moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 minutes and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

P. Briggs moved to accept the December financials from the Clerk/Treasurer and J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

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

G. Hover moved to place #16-01 on its first reading and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

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

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

There were no bills presented for payment due to end of year processes.

**New Business**

Mayor Johnson told Council that he had a call into The Journal News to advertise that there is a vacant Council seat for anyone interested in serving and he reminded Council that they have thirty days to fill the vacancy. Any interested parties should attend the Council meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Mike Bice's term expired on Dec. 31, 2015.

J. Medaugh moved to elect John Miller as the 2016 President Pro-Tempore of Council; G. Leidy seconded the motion. J. Medaugh yeas, G. Leidy yeas, J. Miller pass, P. Briggs yeas, G. Hover yeas. 4 yeas, 1 pass, motion passed.

J. Miller will be attending the OML sponsored Mayor's Court training in Columbus on February 25<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$200.00. This will allow him to fill in for the Mayor at Mayor's Court.

The 2016 Committees of Council will remain the same as the 2015 Committees.

**Old Business**

Mayor Johnson told Council that he received an email copy of the proposed railway lease agreement between the Port Authority and Apex Energy. The Port Authority will be meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> to present the lease for review. The Mayor was also informed of a conference call between PUCO and the Allen County Commissioners that will take place on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held about the unsightly appearance of the old Trim Trends property which is being used as a dump site for stone, etc. by the current owner. The Mayor told Council that it is being used within the zoning code of the Village since the property is zoned M-1. There have been high weed violations issued in the past.

The Mayor was informed that ODOT is considering re-routing SR 117 within the Village. This is because the building at the corner of North and Broadway was recently sold and the new owner would be willing to work with ODOT. The Mayor asked what the Village's financial commitment would be toward this project and did not receive a response but was told the project is in the hands of the ODOT planning engineer.

**Police Report**

Chief Cook gave Council a 2015 Stats report for review. The Chief told Council that he has given the tenants of the apartments next to the municipal building the ok to park in the alley behind the buildings; they have to move their vehicles for snow removal. The change in the alley direction is working fine except for at the south end; if there is a car parked at the old Canal Stop property it visually impairs a left turn. Adm. Chapman said he could mark off a 30 foot spot as “no parking” since it is a public right of way.

**Administrator’s Report**

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

He will order about 150 radio read water meter reading units which will cut back on the employee’s time reading meters.

Stats for 2015 OUPS tickets was given – 269 issued for the year of which 80 were called in by the Village crew and 189 were called in by others. Chapman explained how time consuming it is to properly mark our utilities and to coordinate for proposed excavations.

Signs, vehicle barrier posts, and guard rails will be installed along the canal and trail head as time and weather permits. We received the reimbursement grant in December from the State of Ohio for the canal trail project; over \$5700.00.

Word has been received that our OPWC application request for funding for the 4<sup>th</sup> St. Culvert project was denied. The Mayor and Chapman will try to see if there is a way of receiving approval for funding if we reduce the amount of the requested funds. If that isn’t possible then we will reapply this year for 2017.

Chapman said the Safe Routes to School project is ready to move forward; our share of the project will be \$18,500 and the contract and other documents need to be executed.

There has been no need to use road salt to date however; Chapman said he will take delivery of 25 tons and if we don’t need to use it, it will be stored for next winter.

A project manager for Habitat for Humanity was inquiring about available properties in town to possibly build another home in 2017.

**Committee Reports**

A finance committee was scheduled for Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Council chambers to discuss employee wages and put the final touches on the 2016 budget.

**Other**

Mayor Johnson reported that the CIC met on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at the old doctor’s office and they will be meeting at different places in town in order to familiarize themselves with available business locations. They discussed the possibility of opening a barbershop in town at a different location other than where the old one was; it’s zoned residential.

A Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer