

**Village of Spencerville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2015**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 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 and Greg Hover. Absent were Phil Briggs and John Medaugh. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Jason Flower, Village Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

J. Miller moved to approve the minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

**Good of the Village**

Ida Kay Keller presented Council with a street closure request form for the 2016 Summerfest. The proposed dates of street closures are June 22<sup>nd</sup> through noon on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Johnson told Mrs. Keller that he will present this again to Council at a later date when all Council members are in attendance.

Dan Fisher and Darrell Braun addressed Council about the legality of driving utility vehicles, other than golf carts, on the Village streets. Mr. Fisher lives out of town but helps his daughter who is a resident and he uses his utility vehicle due to health issues; Braun is a resident. A lengthy discussion ensued about the licensing differences between motor vehicles and all purpose vehicles and Attorney Flower said that the Ohio revised code ( 4519.01) does not allow all purpose vehicles on roadways. Attorney Flower went on to say that until the State of Ohio legalizes the utility vehicles, the Village cannot authorize driving them on the Village streets or cannot advise the Chief to ignore the law.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Resolution #15-16 Authorizing the Mayor of the Village to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement Program and/or Local Transportation Improvements Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required**

G. Leidy moved to pass #15-16 on its third reading and J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution #15-17 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor**

J. Miller moved to pass #15-17 on its third reading and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

J. Miller moved to pay bills in the amount of \$9294.40 and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

G. Leidy announced that the Fire Dept. set Halloween Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with judging taking place earlier.

Dawn Bailey will be attending a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. in Lima at the Civic Center regarding House Bill 5 changes to the local income laws.

Mayor Johnson showed Council the draft marketing video and asked for suggestions to improve the video.

The Mayor told Council that it appears as though the wind farm project may move forward in Van Wert County and moving into Allen County. Long Prairie

Land Farms purchased the wind farm. They may use existing transmissions lines; Mayor Johnson tried to contact the project manager and there is a plan to meet with the PM when he is in Van Wert within the next couple weeks. The Mayor contacted Allen County Commissioners and was told they were not aware of the project proceeding.

There is no new information concerning the future use of the downtown buildings sold at auction a few weeks ago.

#### **Police Report**

Chief Cook told Council that a resident came to his house over the weekend and threatened him while the Chief was watching his granddaughter. He asked for Council support in dealing with problems such as this one.

A new light bar is needed for the older cruiser; cost around \$600.00.

The school principal requested that the police department make a bigger presence at the school each day during dismissal time; some students that are driving are not using the proper exit driveway.

#### **Administrator's Report**

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

The 1990 JCB backhoe sold on GovDeals for \$7,550.00; the net check to the Village is just under \$7,000.00.

An email was received from Steve Kayatin, who is on the Allen Water District board; a copy was given to Council members. Mr. Kayatin said the group could better answer any questions once the feasibility study is complete.

Chapman finally has a lead with the Dollar General property to discuss the proposed sidewalk installation with the adjoining property owners; this project may have to wait until 2016.

The annual leak detection survey revealed four leaks; one of which was corrected while they were in town. Work orders will be written for the others to be repaired.

On Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Chapman took a tour of the Johnny Appleseed Park system with Kevin Haver and told Council he was very impressed with the amenities the park system offered and we were lucky to have the parks in our area. Chapman added that all the parks were well maintained and notably clean. With the passing of the recent park levy, the Cooperative Park Improvement Grant program is being reinstated. The Village has used this program as a funding source in the past to upgrade and develop our parks. The amount available, to be spread across all political subdivisions in Allen County, is \$100,000 and may be used for repairs and safety issues.

The OPWC draft application is ready; funding is being requested for the 4<sup>th</sup> St. Culvert.

The hydrant maintenance program, which has been on-going since spring, will be wrapping up in a couple weeks.

Chapman received an email from someone wanting permission to hold a Farmers Market next year on Village property. He told the requesting party that they would need approval from Council, would need a land use agreement and would also have to conform to any rules.

The water line replacement project behind the Shell station is planned for this year however, the contractor has yet to get back to Chapman to confirm.

### **Committee Reports**

**Buildings/Grounds/Recreation** – The Committee met on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> to review the pool season. Admissions and concession were up from 2014 and there were few mechanical problems this year. There is a need for a new chemical feeder for the baby pool; Adm. Chapman may apply for the Cooperative Park Improvement Grant to help pay for the feeder. The pool rules will be reviewed to possibly include rules for e cigarettes and tattoos that are inappropriate. The local pool fundraising committee has offered to help pay for new cleaning tools, chairs and umbrellas. The committee would like to review admission prices and wages for 2016. Clerk/Treasurer Bailey told Council that while admissions were up, we still supplemented the operations of the pool from the general fund with over \$7,000.00; there were also donations last year that helped supplement operations.

There were no other reports given or committee meetings scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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

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