

**Village of Spencerville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2015**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor John P. Johnson presiding. Mayor Johnson led the pledge of allegiance. Responding to roll call was Mike Bice, Greg Leidy, John Miller, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Absent was Phil Briggs. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Jason Flower, Village Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

J. Medaugh moved to approve the minutes of the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

G. Hover moved to accept the July financials from the Clerk/Treasurer and M. Bice seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

**Good of the Village**

Members of the Allen Water District Board, along with their legal counsel, attended the meeting to present Council with the idea of consolidation and regionalization of water/sewer districts. The Board partnered with the Allen County Commissioners and has received a local government innovation fund grant to conduct a feasibility study which will be submitted October 1, 2015. The Board explained that they would like to engage municipalities and townships to join the water district and determine the most efficient way of functioning. They currently have seven board members and one full-time employee. Once the study is complete and the commissioners and board have agreed, the Common Pleas Court ultimately has the authority to approve/disapprove forming of a regional district. A lengthy discussion ensued about the advantages of joining the regional district, which is optional. The Board asked for a letter of support from the Village Council within the next couple months and said they would be returning to further discuss the issue and answer any more questions. Mayor Johnson referred this topic to the Utilities Committee for discussion/review.

Joe Mack was in attendance because he was called by a resident about a letter the resident received from the Village about his shed being in an easement. Mayor Johnson told Mr. Mack that the resident was asked to attend the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

G. Leidy moved to pay bills in the amount of \$6135.73 and J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Mayor Johnson told Council that the company doing the marketing video will be in town this week getting pictures to complete the video.

**New Business**

Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey asked for Council approval to use the electronic signature feature on the UAN software for purchase orders, receipts and checks. There were no objections from Council.

G. Leidy said he was approached by a resident that told him there were several apartments being constructed for college students in the old laundromat. Adm. Chapman said that it was zoned B-1, which means there are no restrictions; he also said there were four units. An ordinance passed in 2001 which prohibits new ground level apartments in the downtown area on Broadway between Fourth and Second Streets does not apply since the laundromat is not located in the restricted area. Mayor Johnson said that the Village does not have jurisdiction over the owner and what he does with the property as long as it is in compliance with the zoning code.

**Police Report**

Chief Cook reported that there was a break-in at the local American Legion on July 15<sup>th</sup> and authorities have discovered there have been several break-ins at other American Legions in other towns. Cook said he is working to locate items from the burglary that may have been pawned and he is working with other authorities in an effort to apprehend the suspects.

Cook issued a reminder that school activities are starting again and to be cautious of kids going to and from school.

**Administrator’s Report**

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

Estimates for work on wells #1 and #2 are being obtained and the work will be considered for the 2016 budget.

The canal trail project has progressed; the entire south end of the trail has base material installed and topped with finish material while the north end has been excavated. The trail head behind the Veteran’s Memorial park has been cut in and based.

Income surveys were mailed out and Chapman reiterated the importance of residents returning the surveys within two weeks of receiving them.

Chapman will begin the OPWC application process for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street culvert project. If the income survey shows that we are LMI, he will work with Julie Ward of RACP to complete a critical infrastructure application for the project.

The controller for the mosquito sprayer has been repaired and spraying has resumed.

The annual fire hydrant maintenance has started and is being conducted by employee, Jim Cave during his regular working hours.

A water main line break was repaired in front of US Bank on S. Broadway on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Committee Reports**

No reports were given.

It was decided to hold off on calling a Utilities meeting until Adm. Chapman has an opportunity to submit questions that he has of the Allen Water District Board and they have answered his questions.

At the request of Chief Cook a Safety meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss hiring a new full-time officer.

**Other**

The Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Council chambers for their regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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

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