

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2014**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2014, 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, John Medaugh and G. Hover. Absent was Phil Briggs. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook and Village attorney Jason Flower.

M. Bice moved to approve the minutes of the July 7th meeting and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Ordinance #14-20 Authorizing the Mayor to Advertise for Bids, Open Bids and Enter into a Contract for the OPWC 2014 Street Program and to Declare an Emergency

M. Bice moved to suspend the rules and pass #14-20 on its first reading as an emergency and G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

G. Leidy moved to pay bills in the amount of \$7039.19 and J. Medaugh seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The Mayor and John Miller attended the post Summerfest meeting on July 15th. An agreement was reached that the festival should remain downtown. J. Miller reported that after attending the meeting and gathering facts he changed his opinion about moving the festival away from the downtown area. He told council he understands that the festival is to promote the downtown area and feels the Summerfest committee will work the business owners to resolve issues. The Mayor said that there are businesses who work with the Summerfest and that the festival is virtually only 3 ½ days. The committee said that the complaining business owners have not personally approached the Summerfest committee with their concerns and they may actually be able to capitalize on having additional people downtown. The Mayor went on to say that the Village has invested a considerable amount of money to the downtown infrastructure to be able to host events like this and that the more involvement between the businesses and the people of the community the better orchestrated it can be with more cohesiveness between everyone. Chief Cook expressed his concern about the detouring of the semi-trucks on local streets and the safety issues related to the detours. Cook said that the Summerfest committee has never invited him into their meetings and that he is not aware of when they are having them. He reiterated that his concern is purely safety. Adm. Chapman said that the detour is not an ODOT detour and when he contacted ODOT in the past about the detours he was told that it is not a construction detour and they don't recognize festivals as state route closures. So the Village could look at alternative routes for detouring semi traffic and let them know. Chapman said he could check with ODOT again. Discussion ensued about what road/street to detour the semis, but no decisions was made at this time.

New Business

J. Medaugh asked about the pooled investments shown on the Fund Status report; it was suggested he ask his questions of Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

Mayor Johnson reported that the Mayors of St. Marys and New Bremen contacted him regarding a meeting about a joint effort of canal cleaning to Delphos. No meeting set to date.

Police Report

Chief Cook reported on the repair and maintenance of the cruisers. Cook said he is talking with area departments about what make of car, with regards to maintenance and mileage, would be the best to buy in 2015 as a new cruiser. Lap top computer in cruiser is being repaired.

Administrator's Report

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

WTP Update: All process piping has been completed, interior painting is done, chemical feed pumps and panels have been set. Chapman is researching the best place to purchase chemicals. IFM is running the air lines for the air actuated valves and the control wiring. The exterior fence is 98% complete. The electrical work is continuing with the service connection being approved and AEP has been authorized to finalize the new service feed. A walk-through was done on July 16th to compile a preliminary punch list.

Notification has been received that we received an OPWC grant in the amount of \$78,000 for a street program; the total cost of the project is estimated at \$112,000 and involves planing and re-surfacing the following streets: 6th from Elizabeth to Michael, Michael from 6th to 5th, all of 7th, Canal from 2nd to 4th and Pearl from 2nd to 4th. It also includes the leveling of two sanitary sewer manhole covers. Bids will be opened on August 8th at 3:00 p.m.

Electric Service Update: After an AEP representative conducted a meter reading on the downtown panel, he is going to recommend that when AEP does a rebuild on the west side of the canal that they coordinate the upgrade of their service to 75 kva. This should be adequate to handle our expected load during the Summerfest. No date is set for the upgrade as of now. Mayor Johnson added that he has discussed the on-going electrical problems with AEP reps and they said there are a lot of variables to consider which includes double checking to make sure no one else is pulling from the lines. He said AEP said they will do whatever they can to help the situation. Chapman said the Village will also do what they can to make sure the load is balanced in our panels. He also is going to request that the Summerfest committee provide him with their vendor's usage needs.

The final inspections at the Veteran's Memorial shelter house have been completed and the electrical was approved. The building and mechanical cannot receive final approval until the toilet, sink, grab bars, etc. have been installed and these items cannot be done until the concrete floor has been patched.

The 2005 Ford cruiser sold on GovDeals on July 10th for \$724.99 and after the fee the Village should receive around \$675.00 from GovDeals.

Notification has been received from ODOT and engineers of the Safe Routes to School project that they will be sending out letters to owners in the proposed construction area to let them know that surveyors will be out collecting data for the project. The project area is East 2nd Street from Elizabeth Street to the east dead end.

Several main line water breaks were repaired (up to #42 this year), sink holes fixed and catch basins replaced.

The backstops for diamonds #4 & #5 are in the process of being replaced.

Well #3 was put back on line on July 15th after the control wire was repaired.

Chapman reported that he was notified that Gateway Tank is no longer in business. The company was scheduled to perform warranty work in 2015 on our water tower. Chapman will contact another company that installs the same brand of tanks to see if they can work with the manufacturer on honoring Gateway's guarantee to perform the work at no cost to the Village.

The canal trail project is moving forward; the Notice of Intent and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan will be submitted to the OEPA this week. Upon approval the project may proceed.

Adm. Chapman addressed the issue of all the water leaks the Village has experienced, the cost of repairing the leaks, and explained his plans to fund and replace water lines. He also discussed how the Village utilities employees are busy "just keeping up" with projects. Chapman said this is not a new issue and he expects the trend to continue after the new plant is on line. Mayor Johnson commended Chapman and his guys for getting the water production and usage down lower over the years; he said in past years there's been a lot of unaccountable water usage.

Committee Reports

Finance: The meeting for July 15th was cancelled; no meeting was scheduled at this time.

Utilities: Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a storm water utility.

Safety/Streets: The Mayor said that the EMS, Police and Fire would like a meeting to discuss procedures and protocol. Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th at 6:00 p.m. in Council chambers to discuss safety services.

Other

Greg Leidy asked who was responsible for maintaining the ditch at Pearl and College Streets; Chapman said homeowners are responsible for weeds and grass.

Greg Hover said he's had a request that something be put in the paper about cats; Chief Cook said the cat ordinance isn't worth the paper it was written on and he has thought about asking Council to repeal it. The Chief said he's been threatened when trying to enforce the ordinance and people steal the traps he puts out to catch the cats. He told Council that it's a dead issue as far as the police department is concerned and that the State needs to regulate laws for cats and also said that, ultimately, the cat owner is responsible for any damage their cat causes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer