

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2014**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 7:30 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. Absent was Mike Bice. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Jason Flower, Village Adm. Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

G. Leidy moved to approve the minutes of the February 18th meeting; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

J. Miller moved to accept the February financials from the Clerk/Treasurer; G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Ordinance #14-11 Property Maintenance Assessments for Calendar Year 2013 and Declare an Emergency

J. Miller moved to suspend the rules and pass #14-11 on its first reading as an emergency, G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

P. Briggs moved to pay bills in the amount of \$9826.83; G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Chief Cook reported to Council that Rob Wiss resigned as a part-time officer; Wiss was also the in-house fire arms instructor. The Chief would like to send Sgt. Miller to OPATA training to take over as the in-house fire arms instructor. Officer Amy Geiger was promoted to Staff Sgt. to assist Sgt. Miller with paperwork and to handle child abuse cases. Chief Cook said it is time for the radios to be "tweaked" at the expense of the State. The only cost to us will be replacing the antenna at a cost of about \$100.00.

Administrator's Report

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

A notice was passed out to Council that will be put in with the water bills to be mailed in April that notifies customers/residents of the change in collection addresses from Reliable Plumbing to in-house collections. A post office box will be established as the mailing address for the utility bills only.

WTP Update: Chapman met with Kirk Brothers and Peterman & Associates on Feb. 20th to discuss the progress of the WTP construction. Topics of discussion were: a revised construction schedule, building layout, completed electrical component drawings, completed foundation design, and the plumbing/HVAC ready for submission and permitting. OEPA approval is expected around the end of March. KBC plans to be on site at the end of March when the building arrives to begin installing footers. KBC feels that we will have new water in June or July but the old plant will remain on line until any bugs are worked out. Change Order 2G will be reviewed by Peterman and if authorized they will sign off and Council will have final approval before sending to OEPA for approval. Buschur Electric is requesting the release of their retainage due to the delay of the project; Peterman and Chapman will review the request. Buschur's contract with the Village is technically complete and they are working as a sub for KBC. Details of the warranty and contract will need to be determined.

The spring fire hydrant flushing is tentatively scheduled for April 20th through May 2nd.

Request to close SR 66 for the Summerfest in June has been submitted to ODOT for approval.

There was an isolated power outage north of town on Feb. 20th which affected the WWTP, well #3 and customers on SR66. Power was restored early the next morning, however well #3 was offline until needed repairs were completed by AEP on Feb. 27th.

Chapman and the Mayor continue to work with WSOS for the Moving Ohio Forward grant project. At this time there are a lot of unanswered questions concerning the process and

obtaining releases for the properties. The Mayor pointed out that if the grant is used then only the costs that the Village has involved, which doesn't include the grant portion, will be assessed to the property owners' taxes, however if the grant is not used for demolition the entire amount the Village has invested will be assessed.

When weather permits, potholes will be Dura patched and yard repairs from plow damage will be completed.

The crew has been repairing many main water line breaks; 19 so far this year. Chapman described repairs in his report.

Thom Mazur of LACRPC advised Chapman of a group of Ohioans meeting to discuss proposals to increase revenue available for roadway improvements. Ohio has some of the lowest gas tax rates and permissive motor vehicle tax rates in the country therefore, less revenue and match dollars for necessary roadway projects.

Chapman will be attending a free Ohio RCAP training in Fremont on April 15th & 16th; the training is Utility and Financial Management and offers ten contact hours.

The majority of the water meters were read last week in an effort to avoid another snow storm; there will be several that will still have to be estimated.

Chapman plans to identify water lines that have had several breaks over the past two years and he would like to apply for CDBG funds to replace these lines. The project area must be low to moderate income and a survey would need to be performed in order to apply. He will contact Julie Ward of Ohio RCAP for advice.

Mayor Johnson asked Chapman when Gateway Tank is going to perform the maintenance work on the water tower that was scheduled for the summer of 2013. Because of the WTP not being completed the maintenance work is now planned for 2015.

Committee Reports

There were no reports given and no meetings scheduled at this time. Mayor Johnson did tell Council that he has met with Huntington Bank to discuss setting up a credit card payment option for residents to pay water bills. The Mayor will present this information to Council at the April 7th meeting.

Other

A Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for March 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Council chambers. There is still a vacant seat to be filled and the position of Property Maintenance Adm. is open.

Discussion ensued regarding Miller's Contracting property (the old Trim Trends property) which has erected a "Go Green" dumping sign at the site. Chief Cook told Council he is concerned with improper dumping that may take place at the site. Adm. Chapman said he checked with the OEPA and the use of the property is not in violation of any laws. Mayor Johnson will make contact with the owner to discuss the concern.

J. Medaugh reported that the CIC is working on an inventory of available storefront rentals in the hopes of securing new businesses for the downtown. Mayor Johnson told Council to expect an invitation from the CIC for a membership drive meeting on March 24th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer