

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2014**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2013 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, John Miller, Phil Briggs, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Absent was Greg Leidy. Also in attendance were Village attorney Jason Flower, Village administrator Sean Chapman and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

P. Briggs moved to approve the minutes of the April 21st meeting and M. Bice seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

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

Ordinances/Resolutions

Resolution #14-15 Authorizing the County Engineer to Proceed with Street Improvements as Part of the 2014 Road Program and to Declare an Emergency

J. Miller moved to suspend the rules and pass #14-15 on its first reading as an emergency and M. Bice seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #14-16 Increasing Appropriations within the Permissive Fund for the Current Year

J. Miller moved to suspend the rules and pass #14-16 on its first reading and G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

M. Bice moved to pay bills in the amount of \$11090.63 and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Johnson told Council that he had spoken with Dollar General management prior to ground breaking regarding a sidewalk on their property and he told them at that time it was not required. Also, a plan for a sidewalk in that location is included in the Safe Routes to School project, but that project is planned for the near future. J. Miller asked if there was some way to move forward with the sidewalk because it is needed now. Adm. Chapman said he feels more research needs to be done such as ADA requirements, moving of possible obstructions like utility poles, mailboxes, sprinkler system and a survey may need to be completed. Miller estimates that to contract the work out would be approximately \$1500. Chapman said he would contact the property owners next to the Dollar General because a sidewalk would be their responsibility to maintain once installed. Mayor Johnson said that the idea would be taken under advisement and once there was a better idea of costs involved the project could be scheduled.

The Mayor told Council that although the Village cannot use the Moving Ohio Forward grant for demolitions there are actions being taken at this time with some of the troubled properties and hopefully we will see some progress soon.

The produce bus sold about 1,000 lbs. of produce during their two visits in Spencerville in April so they plan to make it a permanent routine. During May the bus will be at the corner of Fourth and Broadway on May 16th and 30th between 10:00 a.m. and noon. Thereafter, they will be in town on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the same place and time.

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New Business

The Mayor was approached by some concerned citizens about cleaning up the canal; they did so this past Saturday and started from the Old Acadia Park and made it almost to the Veterans Park area. He personally thanked those that helped with the cleanup.

Because the town wide mosquito spraying will begin soon, the Mayor asked that residents remove buckets, tires or anything that holds water from their properties.

Police Report

In Chief Cook's absence the Mayor told Council that cruiser 601 is almost stripped and Council will be asked to deem it as surplus to sell on GovDeals soon. There have been several break ins outside of the Village corporation limits and surrounding law enforcement agencies have participated in the investigation. One suspect has been apprehended; the seconded is being pursued.

Administrator's Report

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

WTP Update: The wall footers have been poured and building walls are being formed. The raw water and waste piping is being completed. The building will be delivered on May 13; the slab will be poured about that time, with construction starting on the 19th and completed by the end of May. Underground electrical and plumbing will begin this week. The final completion date has been moved up to September. The fence separating the pool from the WTP is scheduled to be completed the week of May 19th and will be installed prior to the pool opening on June 2, 2014. Change orders 3G and 3E will be submitted soon for Council approval; no change in total contract price.

Several water main breaks were repaired throughout town; the total for this year is at thirty.

Brenneman Excavating was in town performing manhole leveling on twenty-one sanitary and storm sewer manholes.

Fritchie Asphalt will be performing various patch work where there were water leaks this past winter; the holes were too large to durapatch.

May 1st was the first day of in-house utility collections; everything went well. A discussion ensued regarding the process of sending late notices and the late fees associated with same. There were approximately 15% of the customers who received late notices; 14 customers had water shut off.

After conversation with ODOT about the Safe Routes to School project, Chapman has authorized ODOT to proceed. This will be an ODOT project for 2016 and the Village will send its match to ODOT in 2015. The ODOT engineers are researching increasing signage at Second and Broadway for school foot traffic and have eliminated the idea of installing a rapid rectangular flashing beacon as originally planned.

One seasonal employee began working May 5th; a second will begin at the end of May.

Chapman explained a storm water utility to Council and will have an engineering firm draft a proposal to get started. There needs to be a long range plan and design drafted and Chapman hopes to fund the creation of the storm water utility in the 2015 budget.

Wednesday, May 7th is "Make a Difference Day" and students will be helping to clean the pool and the canal and mulching around town.

The orange stakes along the canal represent AEP markings to move poles and guy wires for the Clean Ohio Trail project.

Committee Reports

There were no meetings scheduled at this time.

J. Medaugh expressed concern that people were paying late fees and shut off/turn on fees with their water bills when they probably couldn't afford to do so and he suggested offering some kind of education or help for those who pay late. Mayor Johnson said there was a local group organizing to help those who may need help and guidance spiritually, emotionally, financially and otherwise.

P. Briggs distributed copies of the Buildings, Grounds and Recreation minutes for the meeting held April 29th when the committee discussed the pool opening. As per the minutes, lifeguards have been hired, chemicals ordered, and the main pump has been repaired at no cost. There will be no change in ticket price or hours of operation.

Other

The Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Council chambers for their regular monthly meeting.

A reminder was issued to vote on Tuesday, May 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer