

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2015**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 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, John Miller, Phil Briggs, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Absent was Greg Leidy. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook, Attorney Jason Flower and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

J. Miller moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 21st meeting and G. Hover seconded the motion. J. Miller yea, G. Hover yea, M. Bice yea, J. Medaugh yea, P. Briggs pass. 4 yeas, 1 pass, motion passed.

J. Medaugh moved to accept the September financials from the Clerk/Treasurer and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Ordinance #15-19 To Make Additional Appropriations for the Current Year

J. Miller moved to suspend the rules and pass #15-19 on its first reading and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #15-20 Transferring Appropriations within the General Fund, Income Tax Fund and Sewer Fund

J. Miller moved to suspend the rules and pass #15-20 on its first reading and J. Medaugh seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #15-21 Authorizing the Village Administrator of the Village of Spencerville to Submit an Application and to Cooperate with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District for the Purpose of Providing Park Improvements

J. Miller moved to place #15-21 on its first reading and G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

P. Briggs moved to pay bills in the amount of \$8486.35 and M. Bice seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Johnson updated Council with information that he acquired regarding the proposed wind farm in southern Van Wert County with proposed transmission lines coming through Spencerville. He has had several conversations with different people including the president of the Port Authority, Allen County Commissioners, Spencer and Amanda Township trustees and the Mercer County Engineer. The Mayor said many entities had not been informed of the project. Adm. Chapman attended a meeting about "Rails to Trails" on Sept. 28th where Kevin Haver proposed a biking/hiking trail along the railroad; he's been trying to get this implemented for 38 years. Representatives attended from AEDG, JAMPD, City of Lima, Allen County Health Department, Port Authority and LACRPC. The discussion was about combining the live rail and pedestrian traffic into one with hopes that the wind farm owners would lease the land for access/maintenance roads to transmission towers which would also serve as a recreational trail. The trail would basically start from the west side of Allen County to Kemp Road, the same path as the transmission lines. The Commissioners are working on lease language. Jerry Arkebauer, president of the Port Authority, has a scheduled meeting with the project manager of the wind farm project on October 13th and there is a Port Authority meeting on October 15th. Mayor Johnson has been invited to attend the PA meeting, but was told there will be no discussion about the wind farm/transmission lines at that meeting. In July of 2103 the Spencerville Council passed a resolution opposing the project based on the proposed height of the towers and the

possible negative affect on property values. The Mayor said he would update Council as he learns new information about the project.

New Business

After a house fire on September 25th on W. Fourth Street the Mayor was approached about the low water flow in that area. Mayor Johnson has since met with the Fire Chief and also Adm. Chapman to discuss the situation. The fire department had issues with a side cap coming off on a hydrant so they had to shut off water and put it back on. Also, they hooked to a second hydrant which reduced the flow since the same main line feeds both hydrants. They also later discovered there was a foreign object inside of their fire hose which may have impeded the flow also. Mayor Johnson and Adm. Chapman explained to Council and Joe Mack, developer of the subdivision, that there are several issues causing the water flow to be lower on the west side of Mulberry St. Our water tower is on the East Side of town, we have aging infrastructure, and there was a six inch line feeding the eight inch line on W. Fourth St. Some water line improvements have been made over the years and the Village has spent around five million dollars upgrading water infrastructure in recent years. A study was performed in 2012 and 2013 which showed recommendations to correct the flow, however, funding is a deterrent since the project would cost around two million dollars plus any design costs and still the flow west of Mulberry would not be increased by much. Mack asked if the fire rating for the Village would change and was told that after improvements made by the fire department and Village our fire rating improved. After a lengthy discussion the Mayor wrapped up by saying that the water pressure was not the only issue at the fire; there were multiple problems.

The Mayor said he was contacted by an ex-business owner who had a barber shop in the Village and was told that he would provide tools for a new business if anyone was interested in opening a shop; he felt it is a service that is needed in the Village.

Police Report

Chief Cook reported that part-time officer Roger Brown resigned his position with the Village as of October 4th; he accepted a position in Delphos. There will be a new part-time officer hired, Travis Hackworth, in the near future. Chief Cook also told Council that Carol Wierwille, the police department secretary, will be retiring effective December 31, 2015. Cook asked if Council would consider a retire/rehire situation for Wierwille. Discussion was held and Mayor Johnson told Council he was opposed to retire/rehire and felt that an advertisement should be placed for applicants for the position soon. J. Miller moved to advertise for the position and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the Chief and Wierwille should draft a job description to be reviewed by Council at the October 19th meeting. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

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

The crack patching as part of the County Road program has been completed.

Chapman raised the subject of records retention and said a draft schedule has been completed and only needs adopted.

Chapman will apply for funding for a new chemical controller for the baby pool through the 2016 Johnny Appleseed Cooperative Park Improvement Grant Program and the application is due 12-31-15. Cost is about \$2,000; grant would cover half of the cost.

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On Sept. 25th Kohli & Kaliher submitted the 4th Street Culvert Stage III plans to ODOT for review . These are the final plans and will need ODOT approval. The project is slated for 2017 but we may have to pay our match in 2016; Chapman will apply for an OPWC grant for our match.

There have been 205 income surveys returned which leaves a total of 95 more needed to meet the requirement. Chapman asked for volunteers to go door to door soliciting information for the surveys.

The water line replacement behind the Shell and Marathon stations is scheduled for the week of October 19th. There will be a two week ODOT detour and 4th Street will be closed between Pearl and Broadway. Our crew will perform the restoration of the concrete and asphalt.

Water line breaks were repaired at the car wash and in front of 445 Charles Street.

Bearcat Walk/Bike to school day is Friday, Oct. 9th; students and parents are encouraged to walk or bike to school this day. There will be school personnel and police officers at various locations to ensure safety of the walkers/bikers. It's recommended that 4th Street be used as the primary route.

The new natural gas line to serve Charles Rivers Laboratory is currently being constructed with most of the new line being installed by directional boring. The line will run along E. 4th Street to Michael Street, to 6th Street, to Elizabeth Street to North Street and to the back of the facility.

All of the base stone has been installed on the canal trail and has been compacted with plans to lay the finish stone at the end of the month.

We received a settlement of \$500 from the Attorney General for the rock salt settlement; this will be shown as a reduction of expenditures in the Street Fund.

Committee Reports

None were given; no meetings scheduled.

Other

The Planning Commission will meet at a regular meeting on October 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Mayor will also be attending the Spencer Township meeting to update the trustees on the proposed wind farm transmission lines.

At 8:30 p.m. G. Hover moved to enter executive session to discuss possible litigation and M. Bice seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously. Council exited executive session at 8:47 p.m. and P. Briggs moved to re-enter regular session; M. Bice seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

The meeting promptly adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer