

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2014**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 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 were Mike Bice, Greg Leidy, John Miller, Phil Briggs, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Sean Chapman, Village Attorney Jason Flower, Police Chief Darin Cook and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

P. Briggs moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 2, 2014 meeting and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Resolution #14-28 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor

J. Miller moved to suspend the rules and pass #14-28 on its first reading; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

M. Bice moved to pay bills in the amount of \$22257.09; P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Johnson reported that he had obtained more information about the collaborative effort of several political subdivisions to improve the canal corridor from Miami County to Delphos in Allen County. The objective is to prepare a preliminary comprehensive plan for attracting tourism, to have similar signage, etc. Poggemeyer Design group has volunteered to donate its expertise to compile the grant. The cost is \$70,000 with a \$50,000 grant and the \$20,000 match to be distributed to multiple political subdivisions such as cities, villages, and park districts. The hope is to include the local CIC groups to help fund the match to alleviate extra stress on municipal budgets. Local legislation will have to be passed by participating municipalities which include Delphos, St. Marys, Sidney, New Bremen, Minster, Ft. Loramie, Port Jefferson and Spencerville. St. Marys is taking the lead on the project by handling all of the paperwork.

The Mayor also reported that he has had conversations with the canal supervisor/manager of Grand Lake St. Marys regarding ways to alleviate the moss problem in the canal. There is a process called "linear aeration" that could possibly work; the manager is willing to offer his assistance. The Mayor said it may involve running a pipe and electricity.

New Business

The Mayor will be attending a refresher course for Mayor's Court in Columbus on October 17th at a cost of \$75.00.

Police Report

Chief Cook reported that things are going well. Retired Sgt. Wiss provided instruction for the department range training.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Chapman presented a written report which was discussed as follows.

WTP Update: The electrical switch over from the existing high service pump building to the new building took place on Friday, Sept. 5th. The entire WTP is now being fed from

the new building. Plumbing and general inspections have taken place. Buckeye Pumps will be on site the week of Sept. 22nd to rework the electric motors and connect to connect them to the electrical grid that will be controlled by the generator in the event power is lost. The old gasoline engines will be removed. The plant began producing treated/filtered water on Sept. 11 and the softened water will be sent to the system the week of Sept. 22nd. There were a few complaints of purple water this past Saturday night and Chapman explained that the water is being treated with sodium permanganate which controls taste and odor; the amount has been adjusted to solve the problem.

Aqua Line leak detection was in town to help pinpoint a leak on E. Fourth St. west of Michael Street. While in town they canvassed other problem areas and found other large leaks at S. Elizabeth between First/Second Streets and on First between College/Elizabeth Streets. Lines were not depressurized due to material in the holes and there was a liquid that was allegedly coming from the old Ohio Decorative Products property. The police department, fire department, Allen County EMA, and OEPA were called to confirm whether it required additional clean up measures. OEPA confirmed it was safe to backfill and additional tests will be performed in the future to see if there was possible contamination.

The water tank was drained on Sept. 11th and on Sept. 12th Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems perform an interior inspection of the tank. They changed the cathode protection bars from zinc to magnesium and were finished with the inspection at around 11:30 a.m.; the system was put back to normal operation immediately. The president of the company contacted Adm. Chapman and reported that the interior wasn't as bad as the pictures implied. The new bars and better water quality will help. Another inspection will be conducted next summer and a new determination on condition of the interior of the tank will be made at that time.

The OEPA representatives will be on site Sept, 17th at 10:00 a.m. to perform a walk-through of the new plant.

The dialog at the WTP failed; a new board was ordered at a cost of about \$1400.00. This unit calls Chapman when there is a low elevated tank or low clear well. With the new WTP plant there will be an internal alarm which will send a text or email.

There will be no hydrant flushing this fall due to the excessive number of water leaks, draining the tower and putting the new plant on line. Chapman said if anything, they may flush the dead end lines and it would be during the day.

GBT Realty responded to Chapman's request to participate with the Dollar General sidewalk project stating they will support the project financially and otherwise; he is drafting an agreement since the project will infringe upon private property. Legislation will be presented for consideration.

The Village crews will begin the replacement of the water line on First Street between College and Elizabeth Streets in the near future; this line is one of the worst in town.

A change order for Kirk Brothers Co., Inc. for the WTP plant was presented to Council for approval. The change order added \$2,649.00 to remove/replace fence at the pool, \$1,400.00 for painting of aerator, a mark-up of 5% which equals \$202.45 and a deduct of \$977.00 to delete barb wire from top of fence. The total change order was an increase of \$3,274.45 and all of this work was requested by Chapman. J. Medaugh

moved to approve the above change order and J. Miller seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance: A meeting was scheduled for October 14th at 6:00 p.m. to prepare a time line for the 2015 budget process.

Buildings, Grounds Recreation: A meeting was scheduled for Sept. 22nd at 5:45 p.m. to recap the pool season.

Other

Mayor Johnson reported on the Planning Commission meeting held September 9th when the commission discussed violations, compliance issues and trouble areas in the Village. Zoning permits were presented for review. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to continue to review the Zoning and PMC Codes; specifically addressed will be the areas of easements, fences, setbacks and odors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer