

**Village of Spencerville
Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015**

The Spencerville Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Greg Leidy, John Miller, Phil Briggs, John Medaugh and Greg Hover. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Sean Chapman, Police Chief Darin Cook, Village Attorney Jason Flower and Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Bailey.

P. Briggs moved to approve the minutes of the August 17th meeting and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

G. Hover moved to accept the August financials from the Clerk/Treasurer and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Resolution #15-16 Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Spencerville to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and/or Local Transportation Improvements Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required

J. Miller moved to place #15-16 on its second reading and G. Leidy seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #15-17 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. Medaugh moved to place #15-17 on its second reading and G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #15-18 Hiring John Iten as a Full-Time Police Officer and to Declare an Emergency

G. Leidy moved to suspend the rules and pass #15-18 on its first reading as an emergency and P. Briggs seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

J. Miller moved to pay bills in the amount of \$20230.06 and G. Hover seconded the motion. Roll was called; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Johnson told Council that our health insurance renewal is coming in at a 10% increase when the average increase is 22-24%. Our agent is researching additional savings. Notice was received from Colonial Life, the gap coverage, that there will be no increase for the next coverage period. Due to the small employee group the Village will be forced into enrolling in the Affordable Health Care system in 2017 unless new regulations are passed.

Adm. Chapman has not heard anything to date regarding sidewalks at the Dollar General property.

Chapman is waiting for answers to questions he submitted to the Allen Water District commission regarding regional water service.

The preliminary marketing video was received; one more revision is planned.

New Business

Two downtown buildings were sold at auction last week; plans for the properties are unknown at this time.

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Dawn Bailey addressed Council about House Bill 5 and the changes that are required to update the local income tax ordinance. The bill mandates that a new ordinance implementing the changes be adopted and in affect January 1, 2016 or the State could prohibit the collection of our local income tax. Bailey said she does not anticipate the changes affecting the income tax revenue. She will be attending a meeting in Lima on Sept. 22nd and will have more information after that meeting.

The Ohio Municipal League annual conference is October 21-23; anyone interested in attending should contact the Mayor.

The Nazarene Church is having a "Safety Services Appreciation Service/Dinner" on Sunday, September 13th. The Fire Department, EMS, Police Dept. and Council are invited.

Police Report

Chief Cook told Council that the suspects in the American Legion robberies are in custody in Seneca County.

Internet and phone service was lost at the police department due to storms last week; was repaired same day.

The Chief discussed the speed limit on Wisner Drive in the school area and would like to see the township change it from 35 mph to 25 mph at the South end of Wisner.

Administrator's Report

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

Chapman requested a Recreation meeting to discuss pool season.

The low service pump #2 at the WTP is back in service and Buschur Electric determined that there was a seal fail alarm on service pump #1 which was caused from a missing wire in the control panel.

As of today there have been 144 income surveys returned to WSOS.

A leak detection survey will be conducted Sept. 9th and 10th.

Several tons of finish stone were delivered for the canal trail project and ODNR continues to progress with the project. The completion deadline is in November.

The 1990 JCB backhoe was placed on GovDeals auction site and the auction will close at 8:00 p.m. tonight.

After checking with ACR, Chapman said the Village will not need to consider changing garbage collection dates.

Chapman is reviewing proposals/estimates for well work to be completed in 2016.

Spencerville will be observing National Walk to School Day on Friday, October 9th; volunteers may be needed.

The warranty for the water treatment plant will expire on Sept. 26, 2015 so Chapman entered into a contract with IFM to provide technical assistance on a monthly basis for a year. The contract is for \$1900 and covers 24 hours of technical assistance; if all hours are not used a credit will be given towards other

services. There is an hourly charge if we go over the 24 hours covered in the contract.

The water line in the alley behind the Shell station is scheduled to be replaced in October; Brenneman Excavation will be the contractor.

Durapatching will continue until winter weather comes.

Chapman presented a request for a water bill adjustment from Kevin and Karen Kohorst at 812 N. Broadway. They experienced high usage due to a broken pipe in their yard and per the water rules the bill was adjusted by \$232.04. This leaves them with a bill of \$180.89. Chapman recommended that their bill not be adjusted any further because they already received the maximum adjustment. J. Medaugh moved to accept Chapman's recommendation and offer no further adjustment; J. Miller seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and Council decided they did not need to act. Both motions were withdrawn.

Committee Reports

No Finance or Utility reports; no meetings scheduled.

Safety/Streets: Mayor Johnson told Council he was approached about the legality of farm utility vehicles being permitted to operate on Village streets. Our current golf cart ordinance prohibits ATV's and other utility vehicles and only addresses golf carts. Discussion ensued about state statute; attorney will research and let Council know.

Buildings, Grounds, Recreation: A meeting was scheduled for Monday, Sept. 14th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the pool season.

Other

J. Medaugh informed Chief Cook that there will be a memorial service at the Veterans Memorial Park Saturday, Sept. 12th at 4:00 p.m.; there is an expectation that many motorcyclists will be attending.

Mayor Johnson told Council that the Fire Dept. is considering having Trick or Treat on the day of Halloween; a final time will be announced at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
John P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn R. Bailey, Clerk/Treasurer