

SPENCER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2025

Regular Meeting called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 PM

Members Present: Gilbert Knapp, Kevin Brown, Michael Hudak Jr., James Myers, Atty., Erika Brown, Michael Montiero, Kyle Bellinger, Nick Lango

Members Absent: Andy Speer

Public Present- Sign in sheet attached

Presentation: None

Agenda Changes: None

Mayor's Report-

- Fire Contract- waiting on Town

Regular Reports of Officers and Committees

- Fire Department- 25 Total calls- 2 village, 23 Town- Open House Saturday 10/11/25, Homecoming Bonfire for SVE, Pancake Breakfast starts 10/12/25
- Police Department- 8 complaints, 16 V&T, 7 Administrative, 0 Investigation
- Police Commission- None
- Code Enforcement- 3 applications, 1 permit issued, 0 violations, 9 inspections.
- Building and Grounds- clean gutters, Thank You to Bill Miller for fixing keypad, motor on compressor not working.
- Nichols Park/Pond- cleaned out maintenance building, porta john removed for winter.
- Grants- None
- Roads- Meadow Street catch basin
- Youth- completed grant for Tioga County Youth, Mildred Faulkner grant received, PAK parent survey completed.
- Village Atty.- Curfew law discussion/ Regulation of Garage Sales- present example policies at next board meeting.
- Village Planning Board- No suggestions from Village board, training.

Consent Items

Approve the minutes of September 3, 2025

Motion made to approve minutes

Motion made by: Kevin

Seconded by: Mike (4/0)

Public Comment-

(We encourage public participation at our meetings in accordance with New York State Municipal Law. We allow 3 minutes per individual for any resident wishing to address the Board. Please state your name and connection to the Village of Spencer. Please understand that the Board cannot comment on or answer questions during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. We are here to listen, and if necessary, will follow up at a later time.)

Gil asked Attorney to read the updated Policy re: ICE and Immigration- attached

John King- No to a sanctuary zone, don't pass local law

Shelia Coville- home values would decrease, not in favor

Nate Taylor- support proposal. Also, NYSEG AI upgrades customers would pay for this. NYSEG raising rates.

N. Rose- older people in the community will not feel safe, we have 1 police officer, and the amount of crime would be too much for him to handle as he is only contracted 16 hours a week.

Arlene Maki- Please explain policy in Lehman's terms

John Wild- To not support ice or police is not ok.

Tracy B.- Why allow policy? Village should take care of residents first.

Amy Ross- In support of policy. Feels the policy that the mayor wrote up himself is legal.

Ken Sutfin- resources are low, going against ice village could possibly lose federal funds for emergency services, lose tax money, nervous about safety of village will deter people who utilize the area, property values will lower, not in support.

Kermit Bossard- immigration is not fixed at the federal level. Talk to your legislator.

Debra Bliss- would ice be limited?

Dan Smith- Can residents help ice?

Ray Bunce- Congrats on attendance, local resources, do not limit local police.

Al Cook- Why do we have to have a sanctuary anything. Help whoever needs it.

Jason Baker- No one said anything about sanctuary city. No vote plan for tonight, mistruths, lies, come to the meetings to see what is going on.

Laurel Lango- very rough outline, legal change is good. We can allocate resources. Need to reach out to other agencies other than Mike.

Jen Reynolds- Original witness still won't come forward.

Brittany Frandsen- Sexual offenders in the village. Protect our children.

K. Riveria- support of policy

Tim Frandsen- school can't afford ESL Teachers and interpreters so taxpayers will have to pick that up, coming into the country illegally makes you illegal, where is my protected class.

John Whitcomb- In support

Lee Vergason- Would like to see more business here and this is not going to bring more in. Renters do not pay taxes.

Denise Price- Applaud Gil, been living with undocumented people all along the way. I welcome them here.

Seth Long- We should be charitable. Welcome all. They work, maybe not the right way because they are the underclass.

Carol VanDeMark- Take into consideration funds you may lose so that village residents will have to make up.

Gerald Shepard- No one has been vetted, you don't know who they are or their backgrounds.

Leslie Combs- Why now are we creating a policy?

John Whitcomb- Accountability, records, transparency. Police should make sure they know rights for undocumented people.

Lee Smiegil- I love it here in Spencer. Do it legally. Served his country.

Stephanie Dutra- Do we know their criminal background? Masks are an issue.

Donna Bowman- Go through legal process.

Frank Koehler- Appreciate Gil and Atty. How much money do we receive from federal government?

Andrea Sutfin- Why do we only choose 1 agency not to cooperate with?

NCPP- Joan address beaver issue

Food Cupboard- Thank you for support, seeing an increase in need for food.

Gilbert Knapp- read statement in support of policy.

Financial Updates from Clerk- Treasurer-

Financials: Abstract #: 100625

Starting & Ending check #s: 25519- 25546

Total Revenues: \$ 121,188.72

Total Expenditures: \$ 29,073.76

VOIDS: 0 Room/Park Rentals: 0 Tax Search: 0

Total Revenues YTD: \$ 282,046.50

Total Expenditures YTD: \$ 260,672.85

- CHIPS deposited
- AIM deposited
- Local Law #1 Bulk Waste filed with NYS Dept. of State- confirmation
- Tax Season has officially ended. Does board want to maintain 8% penalty for relevy?

New Business –

Local Law on Curfew

Local Law on Garage Sales

Items for Board Action-

Motion made to authorize a 8% penalty for unpaid tax relevy back to Tioga County.

Motion made by: Kevin

Seconded by: Jim (4/0)

Motion Passed to not approve Policy: Cooperation with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Motion made by: Kevin

Seconded by: Sean

(2,1,1) see attached

Calendar-

Village of Spencer office closed October 11, 2025, in observance of Columbus Day

Village of Spencer Board Meeting- Monday, November 3, 2025, 7PM

Town of Spencer Board Meeting- November 14, 2025 @ 6:00PM

Village of Spencer office closed November 11, 2025, to observe Veterans Day

Village of Spencer office closed November 27, 2025, to observe Thanksgiving

Letters & Correspondence-

- Foil request- (Ilya Bari)- Fire protection questions- completed
- Letter of request from Tioga County- ICE Policy- completed
- Thank you card from SVE Food Cupboard
- Dept. of Public Service- public statements hearings re: Electric & Gas pricing

- PAK parent survey

Appropriations and Auditing

Financial Transactions – *Motion* to accept deposits of revenue, fines and other money having been received since September 1, 2025 AND payment of invoices and other debts as present by the Clerk-Treasurer, Erika Brown, AND whereas the Village Trustees acknowledgement that Village expenses, receipts of payment and bills to be paid have been reviewed by a minimum of two Trustees prior to said motion to approve payment of the bills and accept any funds/donations.

Motion made by: Kevin
Seconded by: Sean (4/0)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by: Kevin
Seconded by: Jim (4/0)
Adjourned at: 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Erika Brown
Village Clerk- Treasurer

Village of Spencer

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT VILLAGE POLICY RELATING TO COOPERATION WITH IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)

WHEREAS, the Village of Spencer (“Village”) believes that it is in the Village’s best interest to adopt a policy with regard to local cooperation with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) federal law enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution limits the federal government’s ability to mandate certain enforcement actions by state and local governments, and local governments retain the authority to determine the scope of their cooperation with federal agencies in accordance with the best interests of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village is a small municipality with limited staff, resources, and operational capacity, and must carefully allocate its resources to address the fundamental needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Spencer operates with a limited budget and tax base, which constrains its ability to fund responsibilities beyond those mandated; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the Village of Spencer are already overextended, and there already exist unfunded projects and mandates that severely limit the Village of Spencer’s ability to fund additional responsibilities or address new or expanded obligations without corresponding financial support; and

WHEREAS, it is of vital importance that the Village of Spencer ensure that its limited resources are directed at prioritizing local law enforcement duties and investment in initiatives that enhance the safety, well-being, and overall quality of life for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Spencer hereby adopts the following Cooperation with the Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Law Enforcement Agency Policy:

Village of Spencer

Cooperation with the Federal Immigration and Customs

Enforcement Law Enforcement Agency Policy

The Village of Spencer Village Board adopts and mandates the following policy, which is consistent with its limited resources, fiscal constraints, and commitment to serving the immediate needs and interests of its community, and which is in conformance with the aforementioned basis for the same:

- The Village of Spencer Village Board hereby directs all Village departments, department heads, and officials to prioritize enforcement of local and state-mandated legislation.
- The Village of Spencer Village Board hereby directs all Village departments, department heads, and officials, to not use Village resources for the following purposes without a legally binding state, federal, or court mandate requiring the same:
 - Assist or cooperate with ICE investigation, detention, or arrest relating to alleged violations of the civil provision of federal immigration law.
 - Ask about immigration status on any application for Village benefits, services, or opportunities.
 - Limit Village services or benefits based on immigration status.
 - Provide personal information of any individual, except in circumstances when law enforcement believes an individual with a criminal record may pose a threat to the public safety.

RESOLVED, that this resolution and Policy shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Erika Brown, do hereby certify that I am the Village Clerk of the Village of Spencer and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution and policy duly adopted

by the Village Board of the Village of Spencer at a meeting thereof held at the Village Municipal Hall, 41 N Main Street, Spencer, NY 14883, Spencer, NY on this 6th day of October, 2025. Said resolution was not adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Gilbert Knapp

Trustee Kevin Brown No

Trustee James Myers Yes

Trustee Michael Hudak Jr. Abstain

Trustee Sean Rice No

Village of Spencer Seal

Dated: October 6, 2025

Erika Brown

Village Clerk of the Village of Spencer