

## **SPENCER VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**March 2, 2026**

**Regular Meeting called to order- 7PM**

**Board members present-** Gil, Kevin, Jim, Sean, Mike, M. Monterio, Village Atty., Erika

**Absent-** Andy Speer, Kyle Bellinger

**Public Present-** see attached

**Agenda Changes-** move public comment ahead of Regular Report of Officers and Committees

**Guest Speaker-** None

**Mayor's Report-**

- General Code- update
- Site Plan Review Law 2021- Yard Sales

**Regular Reports of Officers and Committees**

- Fire Department- 23 Total calls- 7 village, 23 town. #1001 out for service at Freightliner, pancake breakfast Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Recruit NY.
- Police Department- 10 complaints, 4 V&T, 10 Administrative. Gil complimented.
- Police Commission- None
- Code Enforcement- 0 permit applications, 13 inspections, 3 snow and ice violations, 7 hours training.
- Building and Grounds- Bids for painting 3, flood zones
- Park/ Pond- dog fecal matter- Mike will deal
- Grants-
- Roads- Nichols Street, potholes
- Youth- 7/6- 8/14 PAK Program runs, 4 grants sent out.
- Village atty.- none
- Village Planning Board- Yard sales

**Consent Items**

Approve the minutes of February 2, 2026

Motion made by: Sean

Seconded by: Jim (4/0)

**Public Comment-**

Gil set time limit for Public comment to 40 minutes total with 3 minutes per individual.

Nate Taylor- ICE  
John Whitcomb- ICE  
Tim Frandsen- request on noise ordinance  
Sally Bunce- yard sale law  
Shelia Coville- plowing  
Joan Weston- plowing  
Donna Redsicker- Roads  
Jen Reynolds- ICE

**Financial Updates from Clerk- Treasurer-**

Financials: Abstract #: 03022026  
Starting & Ending check #: 25703-25738  
Total Revenues: \$ 10,403.64  
Total Expenditures: \$ 37,158.36  
VOIDS: 0 Room/Park Rentals: 1 Tax Search: 0

Total Revenues YTD: \$ 393,276.01  
Total Expenditures YTD: \$ 452,242.35  
- Parade permit filed with NYS DOT  
- Sample ballot created  
- 12 FOIL requests working on  
- CD's renewal 3/17/26- 6/17/26.

**New Business** – Resolution 1 of 2026 attached STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY

Resolution 2 of 2026 attached SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

**Items for Board Action-**

**Motion** to approve transfer of interest from General Fund #1 \$769.35 into General Fund and roll balance of \$100,00.00 into GFCD#1.

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

**Motion** to approve transfer of interest from General Fund #2 \$384.68 into General Fund and roll balance of \$50,00.00 into GFCD#2.

Motion made by: Mike  
Seconded by: Jim (4/0)

**Motion** to approve transfer of \$40,041.12 from Municipal Capital savings account into Municipal Capital CD.

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

**Motion** to approve the transfer of funds currently held in General Fund CD #1 and General Fund CD #2 to be reallocated and designated as Building Fund #1 and Building Fund #2.

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

**Motion** to approve Resolution 1 of 2026 STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY

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

**Motion** to approve Resolution 2 of 2026 SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

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

**Motion** to approve Donna Redsicker as new planning board member.

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

**Motion** to approve yard sale day the first weekend in June to not count towards Local Law 1 of 2021.

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

**Calendar-**

Village of Spencer Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast March 8, 2026, 7- 11AM

Town of Spencer Board Meeting- Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 6PM

Village of Spencer Budget Workshop- Monday, March 16, 2026 @ 6:30PM

Council of Government Meeting- Thursday, March 19, 2026 @ 7PM  
Village of Spencer Board Meeting- Monday, April 6, 2026 @ 7PM

### **Letters & Correspondence-**

- FOIL Request- all incident reports for past 6 mos. on Spencer Police Chief, 12 mos. of Body Cam footage for Spencer Police Chief- B. Rosvold- **responded on time to complete request.**
- FOIL request- Nate Taylor- **completed 2 of 7 requests.** Mr. Taylor was notified on time of completion via email.
- FOIL request- Ithaca Times- was **notified on time of completion via email.**
- FOIL request- Ithaca Voice- all police incident reports from Feb 9, 2026- Feb. 12, 2026- **completed.**
- FOIL Request- incident report and body cam footage from the DHS detainment in Spencer on February 11, 2026- B. Rosvold- **completed awaiting payment for duplication of incident report.**

### **Appropriations and Auditing**

**Financial Transactions – Motion** to accept deposits of revenue, fines and other money having been received since February 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: Sean  
Seconded by: Jim (4/0)

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

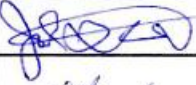







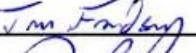
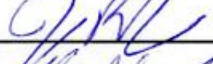



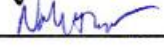
**Made by:** Kevin  
**Seconded by:** Sean  
**Adjourned at:** 8:13PM

Respectfully submitted,  
*Erika Brown*  
Village Clerk- Treasurer

# VILLAGE OF SPENCER MONTHLY MEETING

MEETING DATE: 3/2/26

LOCATION: 41 N. Main Street

NAME	SIGNATURE	NAME	SIGNATURE
John Whitcomb			
D Barber			
Jean Weston			
SHEILA CONNELL			
Sally Bence			
Brianne Newton			
Donna Warner			
Donna Redicker			
Tom Frankan			
Jen Reynolds			
Maddy Vogel			
Rick Rogers			
Jean Davis			
Alyce Taylor			

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March 2026

Hon. Kathy Hochul  
Governor  
State of New York  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
Senate Majority Leader  
332 State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12247

Hon. Carl Heastie  
Assembly Speaker  
LOB – Room 932  
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Governor Hochul, Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie:

On behalf of the undersigned cities and villages across New York State, we write to express our appreciation for the Governor's 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years.

This proposal reflects a meaningful recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns. A strong and reliable state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve. We commend the Governor for reaffirming this commitment through continued investment in local governments.

Municipalities throughout the State continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, rising operational costs, and the continued constraints of the property tax cap. At the same time, local leaders are striving to protect taxpayers amid a rising cost of living and uncertainty surrounding future federal support. These realities underscore the importance of sustained and predictable state assistance.

The proposed additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance will provide needed support to municipalities statewide, helping to stabilize local finances and maintain essential services for residents. We respectfully urge the State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in TMA in the final adopted State Budget.

At the same time, we encourage the Governor and State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid. Establishing a long-term framework for annual increases in Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding would provide the fiscal certainty local governments need to plan responsibly and sustain the services our residents rely upon.

We greatly appreciate your partnership and look forward to working with you to make our communities and our State the best they can be.

Respectfully,

Gilbert Knapp-



Kevin Brown-



Sean Rice-



Michael Hudak-



James Myers-



**RESOLUTION 2 of 2026 SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND  
STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Spencer applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Spencer urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Spencer calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Spencer.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. Adopted this 2nd day of March 2026, by the Village of Spencer Board in Spencer, New York.

MOVED BY:  
SECONDED BY:

Vote:  
Gilbert Knapp- Yes

Kevin Brown- Yes

Sean Rice- Yes

Michael Hudak- Yes

James Myers- Yes

CERTIFICATION OF THE VILLAGE CLERK

I, Erika Brown, Village of Spencer Clerk- Treasurer, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Village of Spencer Board at a regular meeting held on March 2, 2026.

Signature- *E. Brown*

Date: 3/2/26

## VILLAGE OF SPENCER RESOLUTION 1 OF 2026

### **A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY**

WHEREAS, residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Village of Spencer are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NYSEG; and

WHEREAS, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Spencer has received complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude, and lack of transparency surrounding the recent and ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS, rural and low-density communities, such as the Village of Spencer are disproportionately impacted by the delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Spencer Board finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Spencer Board formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NYSEG customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Spencer Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit formal complaints, written comments and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Village of Spencer and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Spencer Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, New York State Electric & Gas, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities, served by NYSEG, and to encourage coordinated action among affected municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. Adopted this 2nd day of March 2026, by the Village of Spencer Board in Spencer, New York.

MOVED BY:  
SECONDED BY:

Vote:  
Gilbert Knapp- Yes  
Kevin Brown-Yes  
Sean Rice-Yes  
Michael Hudak- Yes  
James Myers-Yes

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