

**Spencer Village Board Meeting
August 29th, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Spencer Village Board was held on Monday, August 29, 2019 in the Village Municipal Room. Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth Sutfin, Sean Rice, Timothy Goodrich, Nicole O'Connell-Avery, Brandi Goodrich – Village Clerk-Treasurer & Mike Monteiro – Chief of Police
Absent: Gilbert Knapp

GUESTS: Sally Marx – Random Harvest, Ray Thornton, Erika Brown, Carol VanDeMark, Kevin Brown, Jacqueline Brown, Sandy Smigiel, Leon Smigiel, Vivian Conger, Darius Conger & Iva Conrad

MAYOR UPDATES

- **Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution** – A resolution has been made by the Village of Spencer Board, to accept this plan. Motion made by Tim Goodrich, seconded by Nicole O'Connell-Avery. Passed unanimously by all. Vote 4-0
- **Police Grant Acceptance** – MTF has awarded the Spencer Police Department with a \$2,000 grant, which a motion was made by Tim Goodrich, to accept this grant. Motion was seconded by Nicole. Passed unanimously by all. Vote 4-0
- **Seeleytown Creek Clean-up** – A wet-land permit must be filed with DEC, which could take up to three (3) more weeks. Which within that time, the creek could be wet again, making it impossible to clean. Targeted time frame is next year.

CLERK UPDATES

Financials: Clerk read to the Board

Building Permits: 0 Room/Park Rentals: 3 Tax Search: 1 FOIL Requests: 0

Minutes: MOTION was made by Nicole to approve last month's meeting minutes by Sean. Motion was passed unanimously by all. Vote 4-0

DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: None at this time

POLICE DEPARTMENT: A drug bust has been made within the village, this investigation took a few months but was finally made yesterday (August 28, 2019). All village residence who attended the meeting applauded and thanked Monteiro for all his hard work.

GRANTS: Fire Department FEMA Grant – Asked for an extension, could take up to a week for a reply.

NICHOLS PARK: Grandstand project to start this month – Closing Park at the end of September, cooler weather coming.

JOINT PLANNING BOARD: Joint Planning Board meeting in Village Hall, 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.

LAND USE COMMISSION: Land-Use Commission will follow the Joint Planning Board Meetings, starting on September 23, 2019. Land-Use Commission wondered if the Village is leaning towards "Zoning" or just "Land-Use". The Board approved to move forward with a zoning study for now.

Public Comments:

Erika Brown – Village is getting worse and worse, appearance wise. Code Enforcement Officer is not doing his job. Will file a claim against the Village because things are not being done. 3 year

old is having unexplained seizures and could be the cause of environmental problems with the drug houses around the Village. Rodents, unregistered vehicles, yards over grown and junk piles are everywhere.

Darius Conger – Mike Katchmir is failing the Village. Upset about the vehicle issue and more.

Ray Thornton – Ferris Street is a junk area, piles going into the neighbor's yards.

Carol VanDeMark – When was the last time the Code Enforcement Officer at a Village meeting?

The Village people are paying for his salary, his job is to show up every month, sit at these meetings and do a monthly report. Buildings & sheds are going up everywhere and on the Village minutes, it never shows all these permits being filled.

Mayor Sutfin – Will talk to Katchmir and meanwhile look for someone else if Mike feels he can not complete his duties. A 10 days' notice will be given to Katchmir, and if he thinks he is unable to step up, Mayor Sutfin will ask for his resignation.

Sandy Smigiel – Paint on Houses chipping, any way a program could be set up for volunteers to help those who can't do it themselves, like the elderly?

Carol VanDeMark – Condemned Houses/Buildings, Code Enforcement's job?

It's a lot more involved and laws are difficult explains Tim Goodrich.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Water Discoloration** – Fixed, no issues with water

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Calendar: : September 9: SFD Monthly Meeting**
September 18: Tioga County Planning Board Meeting
September 19: Council of Governments Meeting
September 23: Planning Board & Land-Use Commission Meetings

Letters & Correspondence: Letter from MEGA

Next Meeting: October 7th, 2019, 7:00 PM at the Village of Spencer Hall, 41 Main Street, Spencer, NY 14883

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS - Motion to accept deposits of revenue, fines and other money having been received since August 5th, 2019 AND payment of invoices and other debts as presented by the Clerk, Brandi Goodrich, AND whereas the Village Trustees acknowledgment that Village expenses, receipts of payments 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 accepting any funds/donations. Sean motioned to pay bills. Nicole seconded. Motion passed unanimously by all. Vote 4-0

Abstract # 08292019 Starting Check #23040 Ending Check #23081

Total Expenditures: \$21,230.22 Total Deposits: \$7,726.91 Void(s): 0

Building Permits: 0 Room/Park Rentals: 3 Tax Search: 1

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim and seconded by Gil, Carried unanimously at 8:01 PM.

Brandi J Goodrich
Village Clerk- Treasurer

