

**Spencer Village Board Meeting
January 6th, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Spencer Village Board was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the Village Municipal Room. Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth Sutfin, Sean Rice, Nicole O’Connell-Avery, Timothy Goodrich, Gilbert Knapp, Brandi Goodrich – Village Clerk-Treasurer, Irene Graven – Village Attorney, Jeff Winchell – Code Enforcement, Mike Monterio – Chief of Police & Andy Speer – Fire Chief

GUESTS: Andrea Sutfin, Joan Weston, Jean Fisher, Marv Fisher, Erika Brown, Cris Pasto, Sally Marx, Dianne Hesler – SVE Superintendent, Tom Kozlowski, Christine Lester, Barbara Lester, Patrick Byrne & Anthony Ciappa

MAYOR UPDATES

FEMA Grant: Invoices collected & turned over to FEMA. \$109,000 should be showing in Main Checking acct within the week.

Dissolution of Village Petition: A petition to dissolve the Village was turned over to the Village Clerk on Thursday, January 2nd around 1:00 PM.

MOTION to accept Laberge Group to do a study, with the contingency of validating the signatures on the petition, was made by Gil. Motion seconded by Nicole. Passed unanimously by all. Vote 5-0

CLERK UPDATES

Financials: Clerk read to the Board

Building Permits: 0 Room/Park Rentals: 1 Tax Search: 2 FOIL Requests: 0

Minutes: **MOTION** was made by Gil to approve last month’s meeting minutes, seconded by Tim. Motion was passed unanimously by all. Vote 5-0

DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Calls for the Month, since last Village Board Meeting: 10

Calls for the Year: 98 calls in 2019 3 calls for 2020

Pancake Breakfast January 12th, 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

New Turn-out gear expected by the end of January 2020

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Building/Demolition Permit: 8 Sites Inspected since 11/1/19: 7

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Men’s restroom fan in need of fixing.

NICHOLS PARK: The Village West Tioga Street property & ballfield has improved significantly in 2019. The Grandstands have received numerous generous donations.

ROADS: To check out drainage issues along Liberty, Park & Nichols Street

PLANNING BOARD: Currently looking for members

Public Comments:

- Dianne Hesler – SVE Superintendent: Thank you to Chief Monteiro, The Spencer FD and Village Board. Calling Tioga County Sheriff’s Office, usually takes 45 minutes for them to arrive. SVE is able to call Monteiro and he responds quickly. SVE is starting a Mental Health Task Force – they constantly call Monteiro for help and thank the Village of the Police.
- Joan Weston – Cost increase for the Insurance of Fire Coverage should the Village be dissolved as coverage is then likely to come much further away.

- Joan Fisher – Would like to see different Christmas decorations throughout the Village, suggested battery operated as we do not have outlets on our poles like other Villages/Towns
- Tom Kozlowski – Petition to dissolve the Village, as related to he and his wife, was for a “study” of dissolution; not to “dissolve” the village.

A lot of other Village residence who attended the meeting were told the same and felt they were misled, tricked and fooled. Comments and arguments arose to Cris Pasto for the way he was handling this and the wording that was used towards the residents.

Tom commented that the PAK Program held by the Village, would have to continue either way, if the Village were to dissolve, but ran through the Town instead.

- Erika Brown – Town Court issued monies to be received by the Village for dog appearance tickets and wondered if the Village has received any money, but the village hasn’t.
- Christine Lester – Thanks to the Board for the extra hours that is put into their time without asking for anything extra in return. Christine did add the Board to look into LED lighting through NYSEG as they are going around and replacing other towns/villages.
- Barbara Lester – Thanks the Village Board for letting comments be said and taking the time to listen to the public.
- Cris Pasto – Wasn’t meant to deceive people by the process that was given to him. The public commented and said the wording obviously on the petition says “to dissolve and terminate the Village”

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Village Elections 2020: Motion was made by Gil to adopt a resolution setting forth the Village Elections to take place on March 18, 2020 between the hours of 12:00 PM (Noon) to 9:00 PM and the Polling Place set at 41 N. Main Street, Spencer, NY 14883. Motion seconded by Sean. Passed unanimously by all. Vote 5-0**
- **Calendar: Pancake Breakfast – Jan. 12 Office Closed – Jan. 20**
- **Letters & Correspondence: Police Grant – MFTG of \$2,000.00**

Next Meeting: February 3rd, 2020, 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 December 2nd, 2019 AND payment of invoices and other debts as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer, 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. Tim motioned to pay bills. Gil seconded. Motion passed unanimously by all. Vote 5-0

Abstract # 01062020 Starting Check #23156 Ending Check #23181
 Total Expenditures: \$12,601.03 Total Deposits: \$15,583.58 Void(s): 0
 Building Permits: 0 Room/Park Rentals: 1 Tax Search: 2

A motion to adjourn was made by Gil and seconded by Sean, Carried unanimously at 9:02 PM.

Brandi J Goodrich
 Village Clerk-Treasurer

