

Village of Spencer Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

Regular Meeting call to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Gil Knapp, Jim Myers, Nicole O'Connell- Avery, Kevin Brown, Erika Brown, Village Atty.

Members Absent: Sean Rice

Public Present: David from Ithaca Times, Mary Knapp, Barbara Rosvold

Guest Speaker(s) – Kermit Bossard- Food Cupboard Report

42nd year of operation, all run by volunteers. 1838 served in 2022 (double compared to year before covid hit). 319 different families were served. Went through 130,000 pounds of food last year. \$198,000 wholesale value of food we get donated, paid by grants or buy. We pay about \$44,000.

Mayor Report-

Budget workshop dates are 2/13/23, 2/27/23, 3/13/23, and 3/27/23 at 7PM.

Motion made by Nicole, seconded by Kevin, to hold the 2023-2024 Budget Hearing on April 3, 2023 at 6:30PM. (3/0)

Regular Reports of Officers and Committees

- Fire Department- 23 calls in Town, 7 calls in Village, 30 calls total.
- Police Department- 6 complaints, 17 V&T, 6 special assignments.
- Police Commission- None
- Code Enforcement- 1 application, 3 inspections, 4 snow violations.
- Building and Grounds- None
- Grants- Joan Weston is working on pathway grant around pond to secure full cost for this. Kevin will gather cost to resolve Owego ext. water issue.
- Nichols Park- Memorial bench being put in.
- Roads- Jim will gather streets for bids.
- Youth- None
- Village Planning Board- meeting April 6, 2023
- Village Atty.- Property purchase update

Consent Items

Motion made by Kevin, seconded by Jim to approve the minutes of January 2, 2023. (3/0)

Public Comment- Barbara Rosvold presented a FOIL request.

Financial Updates from Clerk- Treasurer-

Financials: Abstract #: 02062023
Starting & Ending check #: 24133- 24158
Total Revenues: \$ 41,147.14
Total Expenditures: \$ 35,150.97
VOIDS –0 Room/Park Rentals: 3 Tax Search: 3

Total Revenues YTD: \$ 307,501.44

Total Expenditures YTD: \$ 251,960.30

Shane Grover overpayment of Village taxes due to Tioga County/ Assessor error.
NYS bill tax exemption on Vol. Fire Dept. Firefighters
AIM Fund- expect to remain the same. No extra funding. (Aid & Incentives for Municipalities).

Items for Board Action-

Motion made by Nicole, seconded by Jim to approve the property tax refund for overpayment due to Tioga County clerical error to Mr. Shane Grover in the amount of \$1167.18. (3/0)

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Village of Spencer Board of the Village of Spencer NY, shall hereby approve the attached refund of taxes be paid, due to a clerical error with the county, as presented. (Supporting documentation attached)

Motion made by Kevin, seconded by Nicole to approve election workers Lorhie McDonald and Amy Ross for Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from noon- 9PM. (3/0)

Motion made by Kevin, seconded by Nicole to approve Village of Spencer Election to be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from Noon- 9PM at 41 N. Main Street Spencer, NY 14883. (3/0)

Motion made by Kevin, seconded by Jim to transfer \$1144.92 from A1989.4 to A8664.1. (3/0)

Motion made by Kevin, seconded by Jim to transfer \$8,141.53 from A1989.4 to A9030.8 (3/0)

Motion made by Kevin, seconded by Jim to bundle with Haefele for phone and internet. (3/0)

New Business – None

Letters & Correspondence-

Resident- bit by dog while walking on Liberty and Harrison. Gave her contact number for DCO.

Calendar-

Town of Spencer Board Meeting- February 13, 2023 @ 6 PM

Village of Spencer office closed February 18, 2023- Observe President's Day

Council of Government- February 20, 2023

Village of Spencer Planning Board- April 6, 2023

Village of Spencer Board Meeting- March 6, 2023 @ 7PM

Appropriations and Auditing

Financial Transactions – Motion to accept deposits of revenue, fines and other money having been received since January 1, 2023 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. Nicole motioned to pay bills, Jim seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:10PM made by Nicole, seconded by Jim. (3/0)

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Brown

Village Clerk- Treasurer

Office of Real Property

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10/4/2022

Re: Grover, Shane – Application for Refund of Real Property Taxes

Mr. Grover purchased three contiguous parcels in the Village of Spencer (parcels 68.12-2-22, 23, 24) per deed instrument 2007-00151165-001 recorded at the Tioga County Clerk on 11/26/2007. Mortgage instrument number 2007-00151165-002 was recorded concurrently, and covers all three parcels.


The parcel that this application pertains to is parcel 24. Attached aerial map shows a house on parcel 23, with parcels 22 and 24 being vacant with possible small improvements. However, a review of the RP database record for parcel 24 shows that for at least the last 10 years the parcel inventory has included a house identical to the actual house in parcel 23. This resulted in an assessed value of \$136,000. (See attached 2021 assessment summary and property record.) Spencer Assessor has updated the inventory for the 2022 roll, removing the house, and assigning a more appropriate value of \$5,000. (See attached 2022 assessment summary and property record.)

Note that Mr. Grover was unaware of the inventory discrepancy until this year. His parcels were all covered by the escrow account of the mortgage, so he never saw a tax bill.

Tax bills and computed refund breakdown for the last 3 years attached.

This is an error in essential fact per paragraph 3 (b) of RPTL section 550.

Recommend approval.


Steve Palinosky
Acting Director

Shane Grover Parcel 68.12-2-24 Refund Application Data

Village Taxes

Year	Original AV	Tax Rate	Tax Amount	Corrected AV	Tax Rate	Tax Amount	Amount of Refund	
2022	\$136,000	2.981597	\$405.50	\$5,000	2.981597	\$14.91	\$390.59	
2021	\$136,000	3.058054	\$415.90	\$5,000	3.058054	\$15.29	\$400.61	
2020	\$115,000	3.418021	\$393.07	\$5,000	3.418021	\$17.09	\$375.98	
			Total Paid:	\$1,214.46			Total Refund:	\$1,167.18