

Spencerville Police Chief reports coyote sightings

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SPENCERVILLE — Spencerville Police Chief Darin Cook told village council Monday of resident sightings of coyotes prowling around in the daytime and one was close enough to a house to eat from a dog food bowl. He said seeing them in the daytime is alarming and they will attack small dogs and cats.

“Residents need to be cautious about leaving small children out in the yard unsupervised,” Cook warned. “These animals are sick or hungry.”

Cook says the plan is to put snares in the ditches to capture and destroy them.

The police department has been running on a skeleton crew. With both full-time officers absent, Cook is the only full-time officer manning the department.

“I have a lot of vacation time coming and I should not have to forfeit the time,” Cook said.

Cook also reported the police vehicles are in need of service and the department will not be responding to calls — fires or EMS — outside the village.

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“One has a check engine light on — which may be a sensor light — and the other is being prepared for winter,” he detailed.

Village Administrator Sean Chapman reported that he is looking for a new contract administrator for the Wastewater Treatment Project. During the Oct. 7 council meeting, Chapman asked council to consider passing/accepting change order 2G from Kirk Brothers Construction which changes the scope of the Water Treatment Project. Councilman Miller first referred to a motion he had made at the Aug. 5 council meeting where he moved “to move forward with Richard Kirk’s proposal and with some thought, we need to figure a scope of work to keep CT Consultants on as contract administrator.”

During the same meeting, Miller then moved to rescind the part of his Aug. 5 motion to keep CT Consultants on as contract administrator for the Wastewater Treatment Project and council unanimously agreed. Council then passed a motion to authorize and accept change order 2G from Kirk Brothers Construction. Chapman reiterated that the change order is contingent upon Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) approval of the plans. Miller then stated that the village would need a contract administrator for the project and asked Attorney Smith if council should terminate the contract with CT Consultants.

At this time, Village Attorney Alan Smith said he will write a letter of termination for CT Consultants and send it to them.

“The mayor and I have been going through all the invoices,” Chapman said.

“CT only invoiced us for 50 percent,” Johnson states. “After termination, they may look for the other 50 percent.”

Chapman said he has a meeting with Richard Kirk and Poggemeyer this Friday to discuss the Water Treatment Project. “The first priority is for the EPA to approve the change order,” he stated.

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The change order was approved by council at the Oct. 7 meeting.

“Once the EPA hears what we are going to do, we hope that instead of having a new set of plans prepared. We only have to change a few of them,” Chapman said.

At this time, council is waiting on Kirk to complete the change orders and then send them to the EPA for approval.

“We need to get it done pretty quick,” Chapman insisted. “It may take the EPA a little time and there may be modifications needed to be made before they approve.”

Chapman said that concrete work for the parking area at the utilities garage has begun and his crew has already poured 41 yards of concrete. Chapman said he wanted to recognize his guys for all the hard work they have done.

“Doing the work in-house has cost \$2,800,” he said. “If we would have contracted it out, it would have cost close to \$7,000.”

The village will conduct hydrant flushing Nov. 4-15 and will occur through the night to keep water disruptions to a minimum.

Chapman has also been looking into the Clean Ohio Trails Fund Grant which was submitted last year. If granted, the funds would be used on the canal trail.

“Notifications are being processed,” he said. “It’s somewhat a free project and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ONDR) has the excavation equipment to do the work.”

Mayor P.J. Johnson explained to council that the Board of Elections incorrectly published levy

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information in a legal notice and they will publish a correction.

“The information was stated at a higher rate and for general purposes rather than for police services,” Johnson said. “Chief Cook has gone door to door explaining the error to residents.”

In the Finance Report, Dawn Bailey said that she and Chapman will start at a preliminary budget and use temporary appropriations.

“We have until April 1,” Bailey said.

Johnson commented on the importance of the levy and what it may mean to the village if it does not pass. He said some residents comment the swimming pool is a service to the community. Johnson emphasized council members getting out into the community and attending meetings to get a feel for what residents are thinking and saying.

“It’s the pool or the police,” Johnson said. “Which is more important?”