

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 2, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building and Via Microsoft Teams
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Jon Mike Spinks

Also, Present Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Richard Lorenz and (via Microsoft Teams), Chief Richard Foutch, Sewer Supt. John Hodge and Street Supt. Tony Floyd.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the previous minutes for January 19 was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Commissioner Dubois spoke to the Board in regards to a hook on fee for adding a new sewer line for county property located on Washington, south of Market. The Board informed him that all new sewer hookups must pay the hook on fee and these cannot be waived.

The final documents for the Mike Sudol housing project on Cooper and Montgomery were signed and will be returned to the attorney's office for filing at the courthouse.

Next on the agenda, Main Street requested that the \$150 fee for the parking meters for Christmas on the Square be waived.

Jon Stantz made a motion to waive the fee, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

The next item on the agenda was approval of the Cleaning Services Contract and Confidentiality Agreement. The agreement is between Troy Gentry and The Town of Spencer. **Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the contract and confidentiality agreement, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0**

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Marce King updated the board on the public restroom facility. The construction was completed and signed off by the Building Dept. as complete. They will wait until spring to turn on the water and test the system. In addition, Marce reported that the Community Foundation would be funding the security costs associated with this project.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch requested to add to new reserves to the Spencer Police Reserve Unit. Officer Hunter Golden has experience with the Worthington police department and Benjamin Muncie has experience with Stinesville. Both would be ready to help cover shifts.

Mike Spinks made a motion to allow adding the two officers as reserves, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

Chief Foutch reported that there is a police officer quarantined. Foutch also requested approval for repair to a 2014 vehicle for a new water pump for \$1,251.56.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the repair, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chief Foutch mentioned he would like to start looking into pricing on a new vehicle. The Clerk-Treasurer reminded them that we were going to look into the Enterprise leasing program that the Town of Ellettsville and others use successfully. Chief Foutch and Mike Spinks said they would call the Clerk to get more information and a contact.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported on the Street Dept. operations. He also reported about residents dumping trash in the town trash receptacles.

Tony asked for permission to order the remaining four trash receptacles for an approximate cost of \$1,800.00. Dean made a recommendation to use the park fund.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the purchase of the four additional trashcans, from the Parks fund.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on sewer plant and maintenance. He gave an update on the Commonwealth Engineers/wastewater project.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Next meeting is next Monday. The Fire Territory Board will begin holding their meetings in the Town Hall.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Dean reported that they would begin meeting again, and make plans for the coming season.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported the Community Crossings Grant application was submitted. He is also working on a letter to the DNR regarding the McCormick's Creek project.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Mike asked a question about the sidewalks on Franklin Street. Mark Rogers reported that, informally, they wanted the Town to direct the Town sidewalk fund to the MyPath sidewalk project. Jon said he is in conversations with the contractor about estimates, but the plan is to finish the sidewalks along Franklin and add lighting. In addition to the sidewalk budget fund of \$50,000, there is EDIT money available to put towards either one of these projects. Mark reported that \$134,000 is available still through the MyPath grant.

Jon Stantz said Doris Hammond with the Spencer Lions contacted him to discuss returning the Apple Butter Festival back down to the square. He suggested she contact the County first, with her plans.

Jon Stantz gave an update on the Bean residence and hopes to have that resolved in the next few weeks.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were approved by motion and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting was made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer