

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 17, 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 Mike Spinks

Also, Present, Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Supt. John Hodge and Street Supt Tony Floyd, Chief Richard Foutch is absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from March 15 were presented for approval. Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Jon Stantz read the American Legion Proclamation from the Town of Spencer declaring Saturday, May 28, as "Poppy Day" to honor fallen heroes and commemorate Memorial Day. Darlene Walker, with the Women's Auxiliary gave everyone a poppy.

Next, **Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the bid for the phosphorus removal project at a cost of \$335,550. Dean Bruce seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.**

An event request for the ABATE Indiana Memorial Ride was presented to the Board for approval. The ride will take place on Saturday, May 29, after registration at Cooper Park. The group is requesting an escort out of town.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.

The next item up for discussion was a request by the Hogan/Keith wedding party that they be allowed to close Main Street for their wedding. Discussion took place, and the request was tabled until the next meeting.

The Spencer Town Board has been awarded the Community Crossings Matching Grant in the sum of \$220,663.08. The State of Indiana, Department of Transportation has forwarded a Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement, Contract # A249-21-LG210210 memorializing the terms and conditions of the grant.

Michael Spinks, made a motion to approve Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement, Contract # A249-21-LG210210 and Jon Stantz as Town Board President shall serve as the sole signatory authority on this document and for any and all other documentation necessary to effect the transaction, motion was seconded by Dean Bruce and the same was passed unanimously.

Next the Boston Scientific CF-1s were up for approval. The Board decided to table this pending more information.

GRW invoice 0056855 for \$1,875 for the phosphorous bidding was presented for approval. **Dean Bruce made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Spinks and the motion passed 3-0.**

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A request for an early street closure for the Whippoorwill Festival was made. Marce King said she checked with all businesses located along Market, and they had no objections to closing it all day Friday of each event weekend.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.

Next, the board reviewed the plans for the Overstreet Project and the request for \$20,000 from the Town of Spencer from its Rainy Day Funds.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Foutch reported on his department. They will be picking up the new vehicle this week.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd gave a report on the street maintenance and operations. Trash Day is set up for Saturday, May 22. He also reported his department was maintaining abandoned properties and will provide figures to the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare figures for filing liens.

Some discussion regarding Demil property followed. It was agreed to start keeping it clean along the fencerow. Cheryl will contact Mr. Truax about the cost for cleaning the property further.

A discussion about removing a tree on Main Street took place. Tony got a couple of quotes to remove the tree, with the lowest one being from Nate-Oak-Cramer for \$1,950.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the quote from Nate Oak Cramer, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on operations and collections. He also reported there are ten manholes that will have to be raised when the CCG project starts. The cost is \$212.38 per riser for a total of \$2,123.80. He will purchase them from Core & Main. *(Note: These costs should be included in the grant preparation for CCG)*

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the purchase, 2nd by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Still waiting for the resolution for the Four Quarters zoning appeal.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

They are still looking into purchasing a new engine at an estimated cost of \$775,000.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Dean Bruce and Ron Shrope talked about a new project for the greenspace. They are looking into using some of these for community gardens.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz gave a report on various projects. Jon Stantz asked about progress on the Bean Residence. There were also comments on the Community Car dealership annex property. Mr. Lorenz agreed to contact him. He will also contact a few others.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz said he has talked to Steve Egemo about the sidewalk project, and they will begin the project around June 15.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims for April 20 thru May 17 were presented for approval. Claims were approved unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting was made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer