

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
February 22, 2022, 6:00 P.M.  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

**Also, Present,** Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Chief Foutch, John Hodge, Tony Floyd, and Attorney Richard Lorenz.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

The first item on the agenda was approval of Commonwealth Engineers Invoices 51637 and 51638 dated January 3, 2022, Commonwealth Engineers Invoices 51691 and 51692 dated February 16, 2022, for a total of \$5,838.72 related to the I&I Project.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoices, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.**

GRW Application for Payment 4480-07 FINAL in the amount of \$16,431.99 for the phosphorus removal project was presented for approval.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the payment application, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.**

Next, the GRW invoice 0058317 invoice for \$1,500 for the administration of the phosphorus removal project was presented as the final bill.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the invoice, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

Resolution 2022-04 to Rezone Property 79 South Sycamore. This was for an application by Chris and Angie Bault to rezone from commercial limited to residential where they plan to build Townhouses. The application was approved by the zoning board and now request approval by the Town Board.

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

Ordinance 2022-05 – Unsafe Building Law was presented for review by the Board. This ordinance is a precondition to take further action if required, such as mitigation, or taking the building down if it is unsafe. The Board agreed to table this until the next meeting so they can further review it.

The event registration for the Apple Butter Festival, to be held on September 16, 17, and 18 on the downtown square. They will begin setup on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> around 3:00 PM, will operate from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, and 9:00 A.M. until dusk on Sunday. They are requesting the closure of Main and Washington between the parking lot and Market and Market

Street between Main and Washington. As a reminder to the town, the public restrooms will remain open during this time.

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

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing new to report.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The Owen County Redevelopment Commission held a meeting to discuss potentially three new developments that are being planned. A joint meeting with the town and county will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> to further these discussions.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officer Ben Muncie updated the Board on police department issues. He reported that Officer Neuenfeldt will be resigning as planned.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

There are issues with the health department building that need to be monitored at this time.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony Floyd reported on his department. He requested that there be a fee associated with dumpsters.

The Clerk-Treasurer brought up at this time that Verizon had prepared a quote to replace the phones for Tony, John Hodge, and 3 in the police department for \$121.51 each. The upgrade is from an iPhone 6, in some instances to an iPhone 11. There were no free phones available.

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

#### **IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported that they would replace the manhole on 43 as soon as the weather permits so they can use hot mix. He will need to order the manhole for up to \$1,500.

Richard Lorenz suggested a conversation with the Owen County Highway Department take place to make sure that these issues are communicated and possibly avoided in the future. Jon Stantz said he will have that conversation with Superintendent Melton.

Next, John reported that the #1 decant valve actuator had to be repaired at a cost to date of \$4,717.00. Before installing they found that a valve needed to be installed for an additional \$1,853.00 for a total cost of \$6,570.00.

The #3 digest blower was assessed for repairs at an estimated cost of \$3,925. A new one would cost \$5,646 and come with a 2-year warranty, so John recommended buying a new one.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve all the requests for repairs listed above, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING**

Planning and Zoning meetings were moved to February 15.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Jon Stantz reported that Hunter Stogsdill will replace Kirby Stogsdill on the Board.

**IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz reported on various issues.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz said he would like to spend some more time on the description for a Town Manager and possibly discuss it at the next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz reported that he received one RFQ for the BOT from the Etica Group. He said the Board would look at it and decide what the next steps will be. He also said he has identified three people who are interested in being on the advisory committee: Jeff Jones, Janet Rummel, and George Brinson, Jr.

Jon next presented a closing letter from OCRA regarding the SBERG grant. There were no deficiencies found, all final reports were filed, and the closing letter signed by the Board president is the final step in the closure.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were approved unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting were made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

Jon Stantz  
Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce  
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks  
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer

